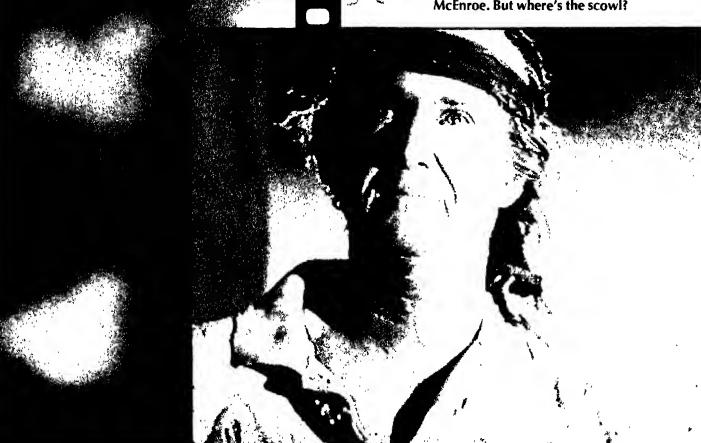
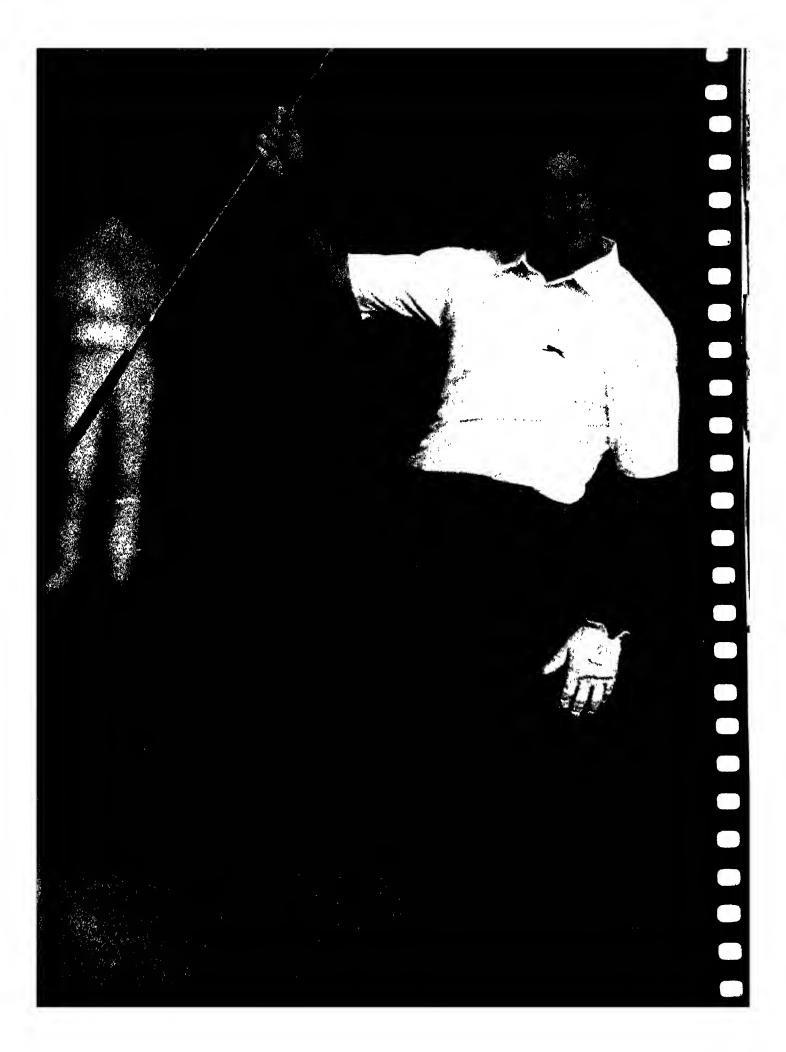


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STARS OFF-GUARD

On court he plays like a relic. On screen he acts like one. In Perrier's new television commercial 32-year-old John McEnroe allows the make-up men to transform him into a 55-year-old John McEnroe. But where's the scow!?





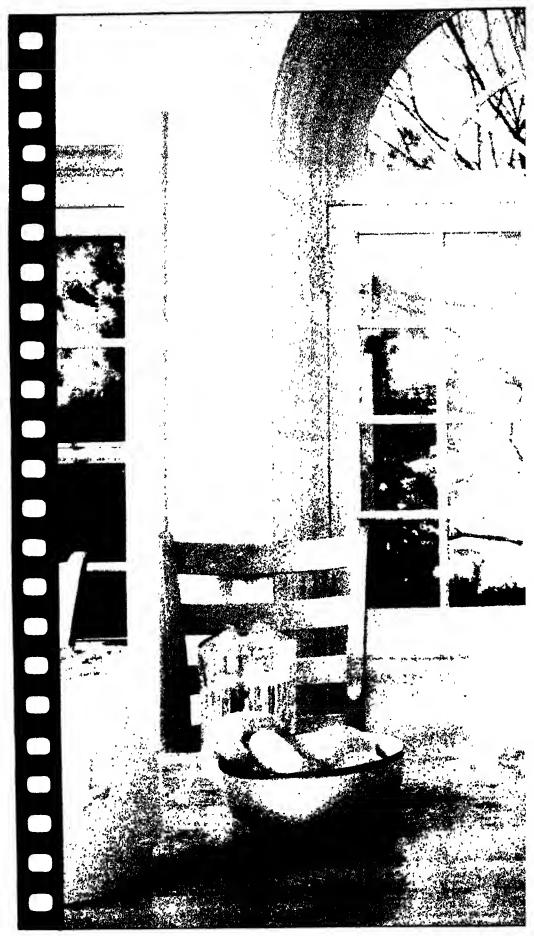
(Left)

The swing isn't so smooth anymore. The chip not so crisp. Even the putt isn't as confident as it used to be. Age appears to have caught up with the great Seve Ballesteros. But when the odd long putt does get sunk, it's lambada time!



(Right)

Wazza mazza, Gazza? A hernia operation. The tag of the hottest property on the soccer field, He's survived them all and taken his team Tottenham Hotspur to the final of the FA Cup. Is this man soccer's new messiah? Or is he just the product of excessive British hype?



A flower for Samantha.
To see Ivan Lendl like
you have never have
before. In his kitchen
he's not a tennis player.
Just a romantic, crazy
about his wife







Every attempt to trip up the steamrolling West German soccer machine at Italia 90 saw the guardians of the game providing protection. So much so that skipper Lothar Matthaeus took time off from his superb game-making to emphasise the point. Or was he simply telling everyone where his team was going the finish?

#### (Left)

The safest pair of hands at Italia 90. But they weren't enough to give Italy the WorldCup. Walter Zenga might have been as solid as a rock under the bar but even the toughest of them need a helping hand every now and then

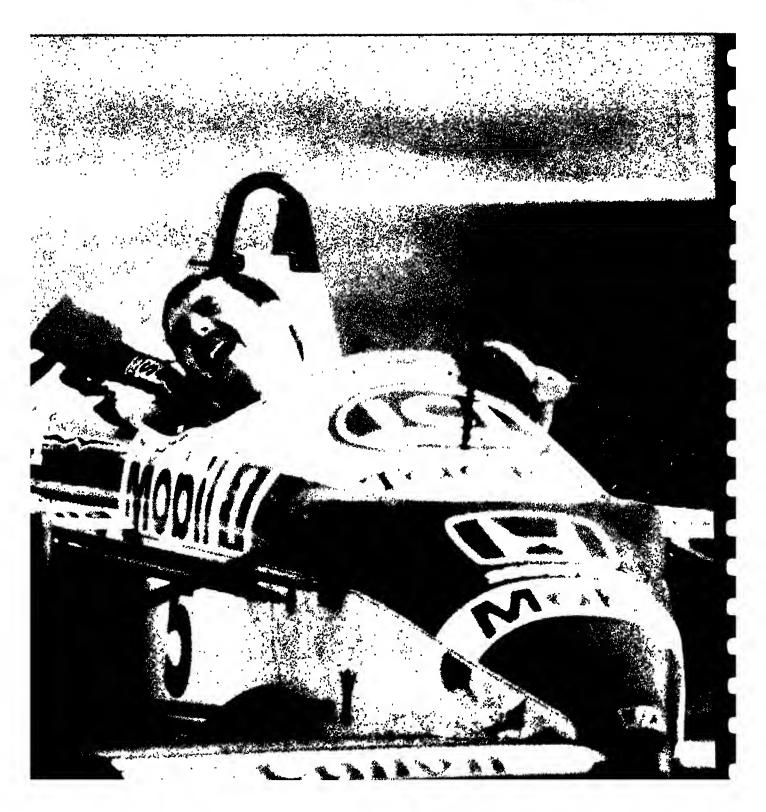


(Left)

The back is gone. The future is bleak. The magic drying up. Unemotional, Miloslav Mecir sits in a laundromat and wonders. Perhaps finally the time has come to exchange the tennis racket for the fishing rod

(Below)

Pain! In the 300 kmph world of Formula
One racing, even the minutest of
misjudgements can result in disaster. Like
Mansell and his Williams Honda. The
man writhing in pain while the machine
lies crumpled. But then, if you step into
the fast lane, you've got to be prepared to
pay the price



# FLASH

After a period of famine, Gordon Greenidge reaps a rich harvest and makes the Aussies fight with their backs to the wall.

# GORDON



HE fourth Test between Australia and the West Indies at Bridgetown saw the hosts take their second Test victory of the series and seal their place as the leading cricketing nation of the world. It was the classic story of a batting side that let down its bowlers Consider this scenario the West Indies butted first and were dismissed for 149 with some of the leading batsmen going for shots that never really cane off. Then Australia having done the hard work succembed ig iinst the West Indies fast bowlers

Australia bewled out for only 131 conceded a tirst innaps lead when they looked capable of extending the home team to the utimist. One major manags was all it needs to one man to play his shots and another test is there with him while the runs were added by a middle or fer ollapse was what timished Australia.

But there were still hopes that someliow

the West Indies batsmen would be dismissed cheaply once again. Not so The Australians bowled nobly. Mark Waugh taking four for 90 but the home team led by Gordon. Greenings bolted the stable door in case Australia harboured any

significant hopes of squaring the series

Greenidge less than a week from his 40th birthday scored 226 in a 10 hour 17 initiate stay

Mark Taylor fought back but didn't get enough support from his teammates at the crease. It was not just the manner in which he made his runs but the assurance with which he plundered the bowling that stamped this innings as a classic

More to the point Greenidge was the man who showed conclusively that there



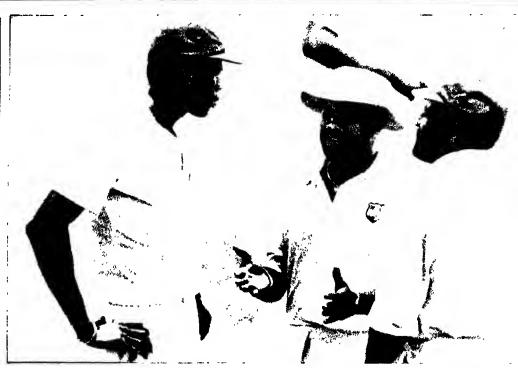
"Allan Border's team is about to lose a series that it could so easily have won. Australia's thinking, which was so positive against England, has changed into reverse gear after being confronted by the powerful West Indian batting. Uncertainty has replaced supreme confidence"...lan Chappell

were no hidden devils in this pitch. Those who had perished earlier (all 20 wickets) were, by inference after Greenidge showed the way, an aberration. The bespectacled West Indian opener batted more than two and a half times longer than the entire Australian team in the first innings.

Only two batsmen were older than Greenidge when they scored Test double hundreds; Patsy Hendren and Sir Jack Hobbs were both 41 years old when they wrote their names into the record books. But Greenidge's double hundred, which took the West Indies to 536 for nine declared, could not have come at a more dramatic moment in his career He had been in indifferent form with the bat throughout this series and there had been speculation that he could perhaps be omitted from the squad to tour England later this year. Yet, on the eve of the announcement of the team to tour England, Greenidge put the runs on the board; all 226 of them

Australia then struggled to 3 for 122 at stumps on the fourth day, vice captain Geoff Marsh and captain Allan Border both dismissed for a duck. Marsh, who fell to the first ball of the innings, was adjudged lbw to Curtly Ambrose, but it was a decision that stunned not only Marsh but all those who saw the dismissal live and later on television

An ecstatic West Indian team grabs stumps for souvenirs and heads for the pavillon



The Ambrose-Marshall combination (left and middle) has finally come good, much to Richards' relief

replays.
Mark Taylor and
David Boon then added
111 for the second
wicket before Boon, on

67, edged one from Ambrose onto his stumps. Border then opted to send himself in rather than use a



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nightwatchman, but Ambrose struck once more having the Australian captain caught by Jeff Dujon for only his fifth duck in 206 Test innings.

In Border's defence it must be pointed out that he was batting with a broken thumb sustained while batting in the first innings, but the dismissal could not have come at a worse time. Since the third Test at Trinidad, Border has maintained the defensive policy of batting down to seven at the expense of an extra bowler. His theory is that three full-time and three part-time bowlers were sufficient to bowl the West Indies out twice

#### Walsh chipped in with a deadly spell to mop up the Australian tail

in a Test. Yet. very often, the attack has looked one man short.

It was a point that was not lost on former captain Ian Chappell. Said Chappell, never one to mince his words. "Allan Border's team is about to lose a series it could so easily have won. Australia's thinking, which was so positive against England, has changed into reverse gear after being confronted by the powerful West Indian batting. Uncertainty has replaced supreme confidence.

He went on to add, "The Australian batsmen have been tentative in these Tests. They seem to have forgotten that when they attacked these same West Indian bowlers in the one-day series, the home team fell apart at the seams and conceded runs easily. It has also meant that Viv Richards' shaky captaincy has not been put under any pressure.

While Chappell and his fans might feel that Border is the man responsible for this turnabout, there's no denying the contribution of a wizened old man by the name of Gordon Greenidge.

David McMahon, Melbourne with William Rhodes in Bridgetown



## BEGONE. 7

"West Indies all out for 149. Australia bowled out for 134" is the sort of headline that makes me flip past the stockmarket page of the newspaper without even a glance and wish that I was an itinerant cricket writer all over again. It's

a thrill to encounter the re-incarnation of Test cricket as we occasionally knew it; the time when we could bowl West Indies out for 233, muster 250 and brag to all tuning in to Vividh Bharati that we had seized the psychological advantage by taking the lead! These days every club cricketer-turned-Test star scores 250.

Let's face it, there is no interest left in Test matches any more. I'll go one step further; they are an international fraud, doling out less in value than what they have been paid; are making suckers of a nationwide television audience; are duping advertisers and generally bringing the game into disrepute. Always wondered why organisers of hopelessly drawn Test matches were never sued for staging sub-standard entertainment material; why tickets have never carried the statutory warning of 'result variable Enter at own risk.'; or why promoters of matches have never ventured to offer a 25% refund on matches that end in a draw

Test cricket, as it has been played over the last 100 years, is an out-dated commodity. Times have changed, economies have changed, attitudes have changed. And here we are, trying to peddle a staid 100-year-old concept to janata that drinks Pepsi, buys Titan, and saves with ATM. Our old fogies are selling a grandfather's clock to a crowd programming their daily calendar to the millisecond on a computer.

The problem is that we have never visualised cricket as a 'packaged service' for an end user We have never consciously-or unconsciously-marketed.

We have always believed that the faithfuls would come irrespective of the quality that was offered in return But it is not happening anymore. The consumer has smartened. He is not turning up to watch. In a majority of cases, he is not even switching his TV on He has transitted to the late night phenomenon called 'highlights'.

So how do we adapt our product to the tastes of the 21st century? There are two ways to go about it. One, issue strict guidelines to groundsmen to prepare pitches that would give the bowlers a fair chance of getting the opposition out twice in a game. Pitfall: the advertiser and commercial vendors would baulk at the prospect of a Test ending before

Even in an interesting series like the present Vindies-Australia Tests, it is not the cricket that makes the news but other things. Like, for instance, this novel method of using a helicopter to dry the ground during the Test at Kingston.

lunch on the fifth day, so that the groundsman would have to 'programme' a wicket to yield a result between lunch and the 20th mandatory over. If there was such a curator alive during my career as a professional cricket writer, I did not meet him.

Solution Two. Restructure the Test match on the format of a limited-overs match. Allow each side 100 overs to bat, ensuing that no match would be left

incomplete beyond the fifth day.

Oh, I can hear cries of 'Heresy' and 'Burn the blighter at stake!' My crime, M'lord? 'That you ungrateful cricket writer have rebelled against the

## ST CRICKET

the googly was denounced when it was first used in England, half sleeved shirts were fo bidden until ten years ago Packer was supposedly the most dreadful thing to have happened to cricket until he wound up his tamasha helmets were what Jackie Stewart and coalminers wore until 1977 mini pads were what no wicketkeeper dared wear until the mid Eighties Jim Laker lost his MCC membership after writing an explosive book in 1959 And what has happened down the year 9?



The Bicentenary Test at Sydney in 1988

Willy milly each bastion has fallen If cricket has changed over the years at is not because of these changes that it has absorbed but because societies and attitudes have changed. And if traditional cricket is struggling to survive it is because the administrators have not recognised this

Would millions tune in to Wimbledon's live telerast I there was the possibility of F dberg an 1 Bock it walking off at 2 2 and the match being viitten off as adiaw? Would the soce - World Cup have any following if one you the verite was No. winner this verr

One of the most revealing ancidotes about how groundsmen can reduce a Test-natch to a joke-notha ha) is traced to The Oval Test of 1938

Fingland were at 700 for something and enroute to 903 for 6 declared the highest score in Test cricket The groundsmen Bosser Martin smin ked Someone asked why This is the highest score made in an Ashes Test on this ground he said. I ve set a new record

On such perverse streaks of men does rest the future of this game

spirit of the game

Spirit hallts amusing to test out the number of things that were considered against this spirit when they first happened—W G Grace switched his county for financial and administrative reasons in 1898 Sydney Barnes refused to play for Fingland because they wouldn't pay him his price J B Hobbs was never made captain of England because he lowered himself to accept a remuneration for turning out for the country Don Bradman almost never played in the Bodyline series because he had i reporting contract with an Australian newspaper

# AMIDSUMMER'S have been on many tours with the Indian DREAM

have been on many tours with the Indian team but the trip to the West Indies in 1971 was one of the happiest ever. There existed a perfect camaraderie even between the youngest and oldest members, and I, particularly remember the very good relationship between senior Jaisimha and junior Gavaskar. This was perhaps symbolic of the camaraderie that prevailed among the team members.

It is always easier to enjoy a trip better if you are doing well and that is one more reason why the trip turned out to be memorable. History will record that this was the most successful Indian team till that time and certainly much of the credit should go to captain Ajit Wadekar. If at all his poor form in the series troubled him, he never showed it. He remained cool and really did a commendable job

It must be mentioned that another reason why the team did well was that having a new captain and vice-captain helped matters and there was no communication gap between players. The West Indies is a lovely place to visit and I particularly remember the good natured banter of the crowds. They wanted to see good ericket, no matter which side was winning. The West Indians really enjoy their cricket and they also have a good memory. They frequently brought up the subject of how the Indian side of 1953 had fared, how Gupte and Mankad bowled to Worrell, Weekes and Walcott, and how that side was one of the finest fielding sides they had ever seen They recalled the efforts of Gaekwad, Gadkarı and Ghorpade and asked what these stalwarts were doing now.

When we landed in the Caribbean islands, I remember that the local sports scribes and commentators had written us off as 'not more than a club side'. That made us all the more determined and here I must particularly mention the role played by Dilip Sardesai. At the start of the tour, he was uncertain of his place in the side. But with Gavaskar and Vishwanath injured, he forced his way into the side and the rest as they say is history. He established himself at number four and with Eknath Solkar played a leading role in our recovery in the first Test at Kingston.

I will remember that Test too, for the flabbergasted expression on Gary Sobers' face, when Wadekar asked the West Indies to follow on. Gary had apparently forgetten that it was a four-day match as rain had washed out a day's play. With India leading by 170 runs on the first innings he reckoned that his side was safe from the follow-on and was dumbfounded when told that the rules had to be altered

BY S. VENKATRAGHAVAN



#### NOSTALGIA



Following a tremendous reception at Trinidad, thanks to the large Indian population there, we were off to an excellent start with Abid Ali bowling Fredericks off the first ball of the match. Having got the West Indies out for 214 we knew we had a good chance of winning. So high was the team spirit, that in the second innings even without Prasanna, who was injured, we still bowled out the opposition for 261 and then cruised to victory by seven wickets.

When we moved on to Guyana for the third Test we knew that the wicket was a good batting track and we could hold our own. That was precisely what happened. Since the final Test was again at Port-Of-Spain and we were confident of doing well there, we knew that we had to hold out for a draw in the fourth Test at Bridgetown in order to make matters safe for us.

Our main spin attack was by this time reduced to two bowlers. Bedi and myself Still I thought we did pretty well by restricting the West Indies to a rate of roughly 2.5 runs an over. The vital stage of the match came during our innings. We recovered from 70 for six thanks to the gallant century stand between Sardesai and Solkar. But it took another gallant last wicket stand between Sardesai and Bedi for us to avoid the follow on. Once we avoided the follow on we knew we were safe. This gave us added confidence for the final Test and even though the West Indies, by now desperate, tried to have the track changed to a more bouncier one, the pitch for the match remained a flat one, good for batting.

I must concede that the pitches we encountered were slow and helped the batsmen. West Indies cricket was going through a transitional period From the side that last played India in 1966-67 Hall, Griffith, Hunt, Butcher and Nurse were missing. Their attack was weak, and restricted to Sobers, Shillingford. Noreiga and Holder. Dowe was their quickest bowler but he lacked direction. Our attack also had its limitations but we had decided on a simple strategy that worked very well. We decided to attack from one end and contain at the other. The West Indians, attacking batsmen by nature,

sometimes got out to desperate shots as a result of these confusing tactics.

Another factor that was responsible for our triumph was our fielding. The ground fielding was sensational but it was the close-in catching that made all the difference. Wadekar, Solkar, Abid Ali and myself stood in a tight arc around the bat from slip to forward short-leg and we did not even let go of half chances. This in turn gave our bowlers added confidence.

Before I cnd. I must pay tribute to Gavaskar, the genius in the making as he was then. His was a truly amazing and incredible performance. While flying out, Gavaskar came to know that I was good at reading palms and so he came to me and asked me to read his. He was anxious to know how he would fare on the tour. I told him that not only would he have a successful tour but he would also have a successful career. After the tour he came to me and thanked me for having given him confidence. Even



at that time, I knew he would stay the course. His application to his task, his utter concentration and his total dedication to the game marked him out as a long term prospect. He had an insatiable appetite for runs and possessed an ideal temperament.

Finally, I must say that the tour was a happy one, thanks to the management. Keki Tarapore was an ideal manager. I enjoyed a perfect rapport with Wadekar, and every member of the team played his part. The tour also marked a watershed in Indian cricket for it showed that Indian cricketers could win abroad too, instead of only doing well at home.

RANJI TROPHY QUARTERS

# LOST & FOUND AMATCH A MATCH

There is a theory that Delhi didn't try very hard to win their Ranji quarter final match against Bombay. Or is it merely an excuse for losing?

Is there any difference in these two pictures in the manner in which Delhi celebrate the fall of a Bombay wicket and vice versa?

ELHI's Ranji jinx continues. In 1990, they lost in the Charminar Challenge Ranji finals to Bengal on run quotient Now in 1991 they lost in the quarters to Bombay by the ultimate narrow margin, a one run first innings lead Truly a case of so near and yet so far

When Delhi were 389 for 9, chasing Bombay's 1st innings total of 390. DDCA officials discussed Indian Arrlines (IA) flights to Hyderabad, venue for the semis. But then the well settled Wasson missed a flighted delivery from man-of-the-match.

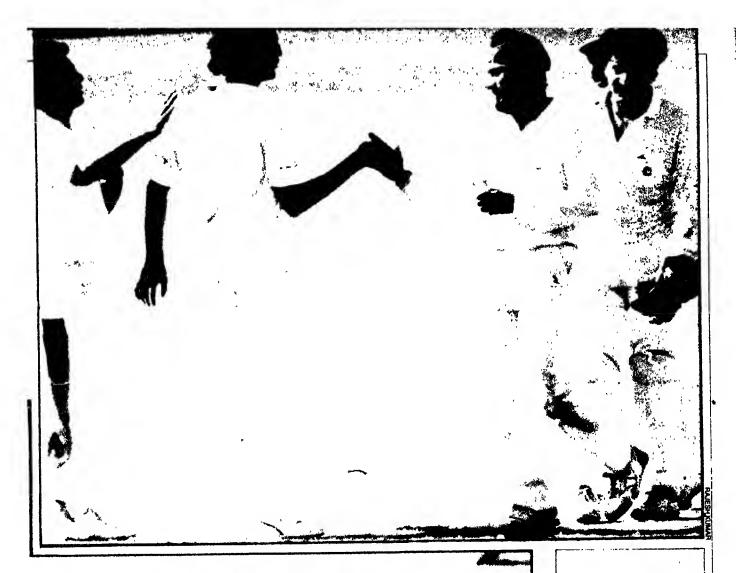
21-year-old-left arm spinner Sanjay Patil and was bowled. The Delhi supporters now contemplated the validity of the maxim. "of all sad words of tongue or

pen, the saddest are those it might have been. But can Delhi's defeat be attributed merely to misfortune or the glorious uncertainties of cricket? Not quite, feel some, because dissensions and rumblings within the squad, also led to the debacte. Numerous fascinating theories were put forth explaining Delhi's defeat

The initial crises was the fitness of Manoj Prabhakar and Ajay Sharina. Prior to the match, Manoj had a leg injury and Ajay a damaged shoulder. It is now said, both were unfit and should not have played. Prabhakar broke down with a swollen knee after his first stint of seven overs and did not bowl for the rest of the match. He hobbled to bat with a runner and did not last long. Ajay Sharma aggravated his shoulder injury and barely bowled. He batted well, but winced when going for the big shots.

Skipper K P Bhaskar's detractors claim that he should have insisted that both Prabhakar and Ajay Sharina prove their fitness before the match. However, as Bhaskar is temperamentally not overbearing and as he crisply said, "Manoj and Ajay are seasoned players and if they felt they were fit there was no need to doubt them." The question that arises is, why did they both agree to play, if they







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Kirti Azad

were not fully fit. Is it committment to Delhi's cause or indifference to the ultimate result?

Another major controversy is the speculation that many Delhi players were indifferent about the result, as they were keen to fulfil their league contracts in England If they reached the semis and final, they would have remained here till mid-May and maybe lost the contract or had money deducted. The contracts are lucrative. The minimum offered being 5,000 pounds per season plus perks like house or car or both So, financially it was better to be in England, than in the sweltering sun in the Ranji Trophy where prestige rather than finance matters. The Delhi players with league contracts in England and Scotland are Prabhakar, Ajay and Sanjeev Sharma, Atul Wasson, Manu Nayyar

Sachin Tendulkar and Dilip Vengsarkar have a mid-pitch conference

Bantoo Singh and Maninder Singh. So several DDCA officials implied that Delhi may have deliberately lost.

Delhi manager Vinay Lamba fuelled the speculation when he said. "it would have been better if the DDCA had promised the players that they would be allowed to fulfil their league contacts in England, after the quarter final match with Bombay. Then the players would have been in a positive frame of mind and would be determined to win. DDCA's ambiguous stance added to the confusion amongst the players."

A senior player, Kirti Azad said, "The DDCA should have assured the players that they would be allowed to fulfil their English league contracts as a reward for beating Bombay. We would have





played more cohesively then. By not stating their intentions, DDCA only enhanced the mental confusion among the players. There were constant discussions amongst the players about honouring contracts. This may have conveyed the impression that the Delhi players did not fully concentrate on the match." Both Kirti and Bhaskar discount the theory that Delhi deliberately lost the match. "We have our professional pride." they said. Kirti felt that some players could have negotiated to join their clubs in England/Scotland later and so participated in the semis from April 24—28.

Manmohan Sood the DDCA secretary said, "only Manoj Prabhakar approached me and asked to leave for England by April 20. I had given him permission to go. Other cases would have been discussed, when

required. We would have taken a sympathetic attitude." Prabhakar left for England on the night that Delhi lost to Bombay in the Ranji quarters.

Both Lamba and Sood expressed total faith in the integrity of the players. However local fans and DDCA officials believe some Delhi players were indifferent about the result and hence did not give of f their best.

Delhi cricket is so beset with controversy that anything is believable these days. Another theory is that the Delhi players lost to a more committed and professional Bombay side. To camouflage wounded pride and ego, it is said they advanced this theory about being indifferent to the outcome of the match. No wonder it is said, that truth is relative and often a matter of faith and belief.



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Sanjay Pat il with the man-of-the-match award

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#### BREAKPOINT

HE great thing about some of us Indians is that although our average height may be 5 ft 7 in we think 6 ft 4in Which is why cynicism about our athletes flows fashionably freely, because too few of them match up to barroom, whisky-belching expectations of Olymic golds and Wimbledon titles

There is much about the Indian athelete that

is unimpressing nevertheless they deserve compassion if only for the disadvantages both economic and physical they must contend with almost through their careers. Not to mention their own limitations

I remember watching Luke Jennings, the (then 14-year-old) son of former Mohun Bagan hockey captain Eugene Jennings relentlessly

chasing his own dream
of being a tennis
champion This was not
a singular dieam, but an
echo of what was
happening in small
anonymous pockets all
over this country

Every morning Luke would awake in darkness, the world

end there was no champion to show Perhaps
Luke was not gifted enough perhaps his father
gave incorrect advice perhaps the opportunities
were too few—who knows? Whatever he tried, he
sweated, his muscles hurt his mind ached and
for that there should in all fairness be great
admiration Yet, of all the hours I watched Luke
play never did I once hear encouragement a
positive comment from an onlooker They only
focussed on his failure

Two hours of tennis followed then school, then

tenn's again then homework and after all that nothing could be left of a 14 year old. He gave up

father gave up lakhs of rupees for this and in the

five years of a normal childhood for this his

unaware as his feet pounded the roads

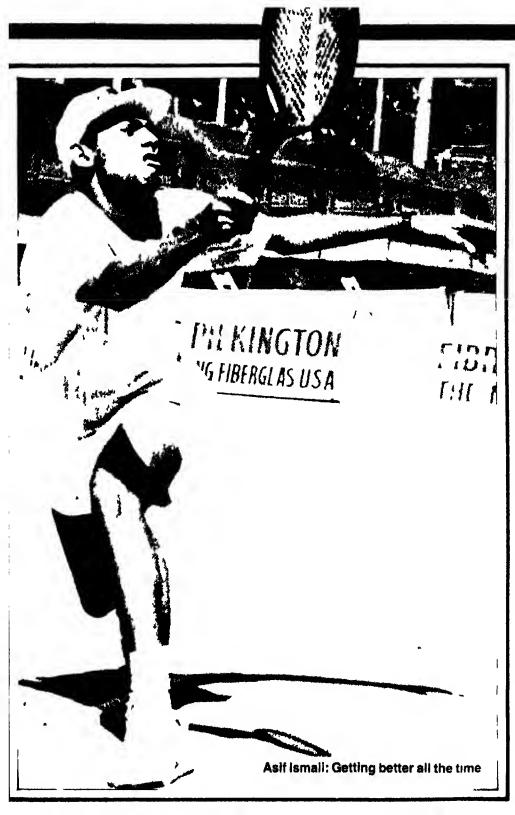
But was Luke really a failure? In the sense of not winning Wimbledon yes. But in the sense of being ranked in Bengal state no. That was his success, to find out how good he could be

Every player in the end will be only as good as he can be Getting there is itself a triumph. And in this context Asif Ismail's win last fortnight at the Standard Chartered Indian Open was heartening. Because Ismail's talent though

evident, was not being translated into victory on court

Twelve months ago, Ismail appeared to hit a plateau, and appeared frustrated in his inability to sprout new wings and find a new level. An impressive

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junior he was stranded at the senior level, lacking the edge to tackle Enrico Piperno S Vasudevan and Zeeshan Ali and being overtaken by Leander Paes. It was a uncertain state of mind that would sometimes take the form of bizarre behaviour on court. Not bad behaviour but a disinterest in the proceedings, which was unnecessary.

At 20, Ismail knew time could do him no more favours. He was a genial, gentle young man, hard working, physically intimidating, but if he was a walking encyclopaedia on Hindi films, there were too many blank entries in his tennis dictionary "Definitely", he says, "I was not playing as well as I should have been"

To temper ambitions or become resigned to being a journeyman was, at this point an easy option "But' explains Ismail, 'I knew it was there, it was just a question of getting it together'

Gamewise his huge serve lacked variation and consistency Furthermore, his baseline play reeked of low self confidence. But most of all Ismail's focus seemed blurred—did he have the desire?

In the four months of 1991 everything changed A competent satellite series in January (especially my win over Vasudevan ) bolstered his nerve Confidence obviously was the missing ingredient, but now that it was there, he used it to blast his way to the National Hardcourt title (on a slow surface, if you please) and then shook off challenges from Rohit Raipal and Zeeshan Ali to win the Indian Open

ls he happy"
Definitely
And he has every
reason to be

To get back to my point Ismail may never win Wimbledon, but he has triumphed all the same He is beginning to find his own level (tough without a sponsor I may add) and as he mentioned in parting, "I want to do the best that I can do for myself"



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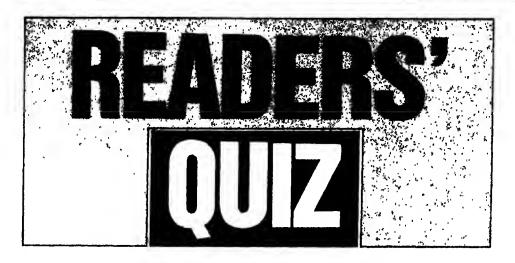
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#### **QUESTIONS**

- He says his 1. first run in Test cricket was actually a leg-bye. Name him
- Who was the 2. Judge in the Ben Johnson case?
- Who is Sunil 3. Gavaskar's only Test victim?
- 4. Who is known as Queen B?
- Whatare **3.** Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor's claim to fame?
- Who were 6. nicknamed Little and Big Bill in lawn tennis?
- 7. Which Mughal Which Emperor set down standard polo rules?
- Which woman 8. gymnast,

other than Nadia Comaneci, scored a perfect ten in the Montreal Olympics?

Who has won 9. the highest

number of medals in the history of the modern Olympics?

"Whenever LU. England goes down in a game, she invents

#### **ANSWERS**

- Sunil Gavaskar Justice Charles Dubin Zaheer Abbas
- Billie Jean King
- They are the only men's doubles pair to win the Grand Slam

- Bill Johnston and Bill Tilden respectively
   Emperor Akbar
   Nelli Kim of the U.S.S.R.
   Soviet gymnast Larisa Latinyna, 18 medals in
- 10. Peter Ustrnov
- 11. The Chris Evert-Andy Mill wedding 12. The Gentle Way 13. Chess

- 14. Foil
- They were the three victims in Chetan Sharma's Reliance Cup hattrick

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another one and dominates it because only Englishmen know the rules." Who wrote this?

- Wendy Turnbull. Linda Carter, Pam Shriver and Martina Navratilova served as bridesmaids in which famous marriage?
- 12. What is the meaning of judo in Japanese
- From 13. From which sport do we derive the phrase 'rank and file?
- Of the 14. three types of weapons used in fencing, only one is used by women. Which one?
- Whatis 15. common to the New Zealand cricketers Ken Rutherford, Ian Smith and Ewen Chatfield?

FROM GEORGE THOTTAM, ATLANTIC CITY



**WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS** 

## George Foreman's

REACHER George Foreman performed a miracle by turning a potential black eye of boxing to one of its shining moments in a fight which also become the highest grossing bout in history through the miracle of cable television.

For a change, boxing was the winner. It was an honest fight between two decent human beings. For once, all the ugliness, boxing and its personification Don King, were nowhere in sight. It was a thrilling encounter between the past and the present of heavyweight boxing.

What the promoters called "Battle of the Ages" turned out to be more than a battle of two generations. It was an old fashioned championship bout between two good boxers. ONE SHINING MOMENT



At last he heard the chorus "George, George", something he longed for all his life. It had to come from the Broadwalk of Atlantic City In the 42nd year of his life

Despite Holyfield's status as heavyweight champion, the spotlight was on George Foreman. In his first birth as a boxer, he was not the crowd favourite in victory or defeat. In his defeats against Muhammad Ali in Zaire or the humiliating loss to Jimmy Young which drove him to retirement in 1977. Foreman did not draw much sympathy.

In the only defeat of his second life. Big George was bathed in more glory than perhaps even he expected. Even when he snatched the world title from Smoking Joe Frazier in a stunning second round knockout in 1972, the crowd did not exactly chant "George, George." The sentiments seemed to follow the victim than the victor.

At last he heard the chorus "George. George. Something he longed for all his life. It had to come from the Broadwalk of Atlantic City in the 42nd (or 43rd) year of his life.

In good championship bouts, there are no losers. This fight was like that. Holyfield was the gracious fighter that he is, in victory, defeat or disqualification. He lifted his career to another plateau by standing up to one who, according to many, is the hardest puncher in the history of the sport.

For Foreman, enduring the assault of his 28-year-old high tech opponent was more than a moral victory. It was the crowning achievement of his career. His defeat by Holyfield has brought him more respect and recognition than his "first life" as a boxer did

Age was not the issue here. Credibility was. Just think of the comments and predictions prior to the bout. Four years ago, when the boxer turned preacher hit a comeback trail, the boxing world laughed it off with the contempt it apparently deserved

Four years later, when an undefeated Big George managed to earn a date with the champion of the world, it was called the biggest sham in modern boxing

Most experts called it a fiasco that will damage the sport of boxing. They called his chances "fat". They warned the public against being conned by the preacher's smile and new found self-deprecating humour. An expert fight doctor turned TV commentator repeatedly promised that he would leave the country if the "human cheeseburger" won.

They wondered aloud whether he was a miracle worker or a conman. Only his dedicated lifestyle prevented more hostile labels.

In spite of his superb conditioning, his stamina was being questioned. The stamina issue was finally settled after he was battered on the ropes in the ninth round, but came back to win the 10th on two cards

In spite of inspiring sparring sessions, his ability to fight was thoroughly questioned. "He just cannot fight." they wrote. And they waited for the myth of his four-year comeback fraud to explode on the sidewalks of Atlantic city.

Twelve gruelling and glorious rounds of boxing against the most focused and most prepared youngster the heavyweight division could provide today, proved beyond doubt that George Foreman could fight and fight well.

As the 12th began, Foreman whispered in Holyfield's ears, "Thanks for giving me the opportunity."

"He had his points, but I made my point," commented Foreman. "If you live, you can dream." It was more than a dream. It was a dignified performance from a hardworking boxer who was willing to defy age with his work ethic and determination.

Yet. Foreman would take nothing away from his young opponent. "I had the fight won, and then someone slipped a mule in the ring," he said later. "I had him. I had him actually out, but I've never seen a man like that He has a great jaw. I had no idea that a man could give so much and take so much."

Holyfield had a equally interesting perspective on the fight. "I prayed going into the fight, and I know George probably did too," said Holyfield. "I guess everyone was wondering which side the Lord was going to take. He figured out a way to take both sides."

The Lord almost performed the miracle his preacher wanted George Foreman was only a couple of punches away from knocking out the defending champion in the second, fourth and seventh rounds.

After that stellar performance who could question Foreman's 12 million dollar purse from an 80 million plus dollar bonanza?

What next for George Foreman? He says only his family could tell. However, people who know him closely say that he will really call the shot. "He could make millions of dollars if he continued." says co-promoter Don Duva. "But he will never recapture the moment like he did on that Friday night.

Unfortunately these days, such shining moments are rare in boxing rings. ●



## I Must Be Dreaming

June 29 will be the day when the barriers in South African cricket will come down, and a new non-racial structure will come into effect. On that day, SACU (white predominant), and the SACB (black predominant) will merge as one, creating a new revamped cricket structure in South Africa. A look at the new prospects....

NITY IN South African cricket has run at such a pace since mid-December, that there is still a touch of foggy surrealism about it all: that sort of 'wake me up, I'm dreaming' feeling.

Only it is all very real. And on June 29 there will be a single, non-racial organisation running the sport in South Africa as the mistrust built up over the years is replaced with an optimism which is part of an emergent 'New South Africa' vision.

But there had to be a starting-point for it to happen, and it came on Feb 2, 1990,

during the dark days of the Mike Gatting tour, with the country's president, F.W. de Klerk, opening a door of enlightenment by unbanning a whole range of political parties to the left and right of the government.

By the time the dust had settled from the rhetoric which that address to parliament caused, the wheels of cricket unity were turning as Dr Ali Bacher, a former South African cricket captain and now managing director of the South African Cricket Union, was appointed as a one-man commission by his Board, the

long-term aims being to create unity and an autonomous body for all cricketers in South Africa, to create equal opportunities through coaching and facilities for all to rise through the ranks as players and administrators; to ensure that cricket is played on a non-racial, home-and-away basis at all levels, including schools, to see that cricket is used as a medium for the complete eradication of apartheid; and to prepare South Africa for international cricket in a post-apartheid society.

But truly there was still much to do, and while the path was smoothed by the first meeting between the rival South African Cricket Board and the SACU, in Durban on Sept 8 last year, it was ironic that Dec 16 was selected as the date for the next round of talks. To the Afrikaner, Dec 16 has several labels: the one in favour at present is the 'Day of the Vow', commensorating the day they made a vow to God, at the Battle of Blood River, that victory over the Zulus would be commemorated from that day onward.

Unfortunately, of all the national cricket-writers who had assembled in Port Elizabeth the

Jerry Wouterz, of Sri Lanka coaching South African kids in Johnnesburg



day before to attend the Nissan Shield final, only I remained: the view among the others seemed to be that little would come out of the talks that wasn't already known, and another date would be set for another meeting.

Late in the afternoon Dr
Bacher emerged to fax all the
major newspapers about 'the
most important announcement
in South African cricket in 100
years', and only the television
boys and the local representative
of the national news agency were
there. Pity they missed a great
show of bonhomie among
members of the two groups.
Notably there was no more 'we'
and 'them', but very much a
changed 'us'.

It also made me wonder how the Press ratpack of the Gatting tour would have handled it. No doubt Mr Tswete, an executive member of the ANC, who was a rugby forward in his day, would have shifted his bulk back in the chair and laid his gentle eyes on the assembly with the amused smile of a father wondering how far to allow the child to go before chastisement. A man who has a strong conviction that unity through negotiation and principles is the only argument which can be used, he has a feeling that cricket can be a model on how to build a firm foundation.

That the SACB and the SACU sought the ANC and the National Olympic Sports Congress to act as a facilitator in the crucial talks was invaluable to both sides. We went into these talks uncertain of the future, but emerged triumphant in the cause of South African cricket and the role it has to play,' said SACB president Krish Muckerdhui.

There was certainly a new spirit (as well as a confidence) that the groundwork had been laid and that Mr. Tswete, who learnt to play cricket and rugby in his youth in the East London area, would not settle for anything less than was hammered out in the statement.

New faces have also emerged in the form of Khaya Majola, an SACB allrounder, who is national co-ordinator with Dr Bacher of the national development programme, and Dr Gulam Karim, chairman of the Cricket Association of the Transvaal, who some see as the next president of the new provincial body.

Dr Karim visited Soweto in early February, with Sam Ramsamy, and had a chance to look at the cricket development among the children of the sprawling townships which make up Soweto. At Elkah Stadium he saw for the first time Dr Bacher's committ ment to the development of the sport at this level and beyond.

Both men were visibly impressed with the programme, and with the fact that 78 per cent of the 170 coaches were women teachers (from the township schools), who have developed a type of West Indian passion for the game.

Later, addressing the teachers in a nearby school hall. Dr Karim provided two contrasting but accurate pictures of what is happening in South African cricket today through the unity process. 'After looking at the scene of hundreds of schoolchildren involved in this exciting project, I asked myself:

"The long term aims of the new board will be to ensure that cricket is played on a non racial, home and away basis at all levels, including schools; to see that cricket is used as a medium for the complete eradication of apartheid."

—Bacher.





Protesting against apartheid during the Gatting tour. The posters say it all

"Would this have happened had there not been a sports boycott?" The answer is that I don't think so. And in Lenasia (the Indian township outside

Johannesburg), where cricket is an ongoing process, to see these same women coaches at work, I felt a dramatic change in our society had come about...where women from a disadvantaged area were coaching those youngsters from an advantaged area,' he said. 'This, I feel, is one of the most exciting developments in this unity of ours.'

It surely is one of the best in the history of cricket. ●

#### **Trevor Chesterfield**

Traver Chesserfield is the chie official strike by South African Argus newspaper group.

# TWO MORE BA

HE 8-ball over in cricket was first introduced in Australian domestic first-class cricket. Later it was adopted in all Test matches played on Australian soil. A person no less than Sir Donald Bradman thought very highly of the idea and advocated its adoption in other countries as well. Sir Donald defended the system on the argument that the practice of the eight-ball over would reduce the time that is wasted during the change of overs. Therefore more deliveries would be bowled in the allotted span of time.

The other cricket-playing countries did not feel a necessary need to change from the English system of 6-ball overs. This steadfast devotion to the conventional pattern was to prove costly in terms of wastage of time. Ironically even Australia under pressure from the other cricket playing countries was coerced to scrap the eight-ball system sometime in the 80s.

My opinion is that this adherence to the conventional six-ball over is most unfortunate. At a time when cricket matches of larger duration required to be speeded up in order to draw the attention of the fast-dwindling crowds, the cricket administrators did not care to import any special attention to this aspect. Thus a vital point has been overlooked for too long.

In a particular span of time the number of six-ball overs would obviously be more than the number of eight-ball overs. Thus more number of overs would mean that more time would be wasted during the change of overs. This is a very crucial point that requires further clarification through an example:

#### Illustration I

In 2 hours generally 30 six-ball overs are bowled.

Thus, 120 minutes=180 deliveries Suppose, 1/2 minute is spent between overs. Then, time wasted in 30 overs=30×1/2=15

Then, 180 deliveries in (120-15)minutes=105 minutes

Thus, time per six-ball over=105÷30=3-1/2 minutes and, time per delivery =



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105 ÷ 180 = 105/180 minutes

Conclusion, in 2 hours, number of 6-ball deliveries= $30\times6=180$  in 2 hours, time spent between overs  $=30\times1/2=15$ 

#### Illustration II

If, as per above, one delivery takes 105/180 minutes

Then, one eight ball over would take 105/180 = 4-2/3

If, as per above, time wasted between overs = 1/2 minute

Then, total time per 8-ball over = 4-2/3+1/2=5-1/6 minutes = 5 mins (apx)Thus, in two hours or 120 minutes, no. of overs=120-5=24 overs.

Then, number of deliveries in 120 minutes=24×8=192

In a particular span of time the number of six ball overs would obviously be more than the number of eight ball overs. Thus more number of overs would mean that more time would be wasted during the change of overs. By introducing the eight ball concept, cricket would stand to gain in two ways: first there would be more deliveries per day and secondly there would be less scope for wastage of time between overs

Thus, total time wasted between overs  $=24 \times 1/2 = 12$  minutes

The above illustrations very clearly show that in the same span of 120 minutes, in the case of six-ball overs there would be 180 deliveries and in the case of eight-ball overs there would be 192 deliveries. The loss of time during the change of over would be 15 and 12 minutes respectively.

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### SPORTING CALENDAR FOR MAY '91

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			W.I. vs Aust, 5th Test (Anti- gua); Sait Naglee Football Tournament (Kozhikode); European football cham- pionships, Gr. 7. Turkey vs En- gland (Istanbul), Gr. 7: Repub- lic of Ireland vs Poland (Dub- lin): Gr 4: N Ireland vs Faroe Islands (Belfast); Munich Open Tennis Championship (Munich); J.D. Singh Memorial international Rating Open Chess Tournament (Bhopal).
5. Davis Cup, India vs South Korea (Delhi), Davis Cup World Group, France vs Au- stralia (Nimes); Spain vs USA; Munich Open Tennis Finals (Munich); Sait Nagjee football semi finals (Kozhikode); Ranji Trophy Final; National Walking and Marathon championship (Krishnanagar near Calcutta); World T.T (Chiba, Japan)	G: Italian Open Tennis For Women (Rome); German Open Tennis For Men (Hamburg); Ranji Trophy Iinal; 41st World Table Tennis chps. finals (Chiba, Japan); NEC World Youth Cup Tennis, Asia-Australasia Zone (Bombay)	Tellian Open Tennis, Women (Rome); German Open Tennis, Men (Hamburg); Ranji Trophy Final, Sait Nagjee Football Final (Kozhikode), NEC World Youth Cup Tennis, Asia-Australasia Zone, (Bombay)	Neuron (Rome): German Open Tennis, Men (Hamburg); UEFA Cup Football final. 1st Leg. NEC World Youth Cup Tennis, Asia-Australasia Zone (Bombay).
12. National Open Athletics vs Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk XI (Arundel); Italian Open, Tennis, Women's final (Rome); German Open Tennis, Men's final (Hamburg) NEC World Youth Cup Tennis, Asia-Australasia Zone, finals (Bornbay). Hong Kong Open Table Tennis.	13: Italian Open Tennis Chps for Men (Rome). Lufthansa Cup Tennis for Women (Berlin); Hong Kong Open T.T	14. Italian Open Tennis Chps for Men (Rome). Lufthansa Cup Tennis for Women (Berlin); Hong Kong Open T T Final	15: Italian Open Tennis, Men (Rome); Lufthansa Cup Tennis, Women (Berlin). European Cup Winners Cup football final. (Rotterdam)
19: Italian Open Tennis, Men's Final (Rome); Lutthansa Cup Tennis, Women's Final (Berlin); West Indies vs Middlesex (Lord's). San Marino Motor Cycling Grand Prix (San Marino); World League Volleyball. Korea vs USSR (Su Won), France vs Canada (Orleans) Judo, European Chps (Prague)	20: ATP World Team Cup (Dusseldorf): West Indies vs Middlesex (Lord's).	21. ATP World Team Cup (Dusseldorf); england vs USSR, International Football Match (Wembley).	22: ATP World Team Cup (Dusseldorf); UEFA Cup Final, 2nd Leg.
26: ATP World Team Cup Final (Dusseldorf); European Weighblifting Cham-	27: West Indies vs Eng- land, Third One-day In- ternational, (Lord's); European	28; French Open Tennis Chps. (Paris).	29: French Open Tennis Chps. (Paris); European Cup Final Football, (Barl).

European Weightlifting Cham-pionships (Wrocław, Poland); World League Volleyball, Japan vs Korea (Osaka), USSR vs Italy (Leningrad), Brazil vs Cuba (Belo Horizonte);

ternational, (Lord's); European Weightlifting Chps. (Wroclaw, Poland); French Open Tennis Chps. (Paris).

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#### THURSDAY

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#### SATURDAY

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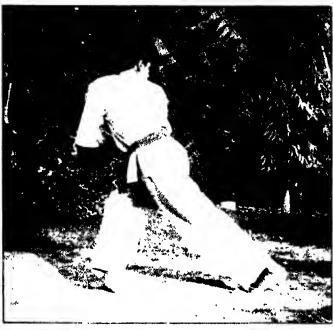
# KARATE

THE POWER OF THE EMPTY HAND

four-finger stab to the neck region at a 45° angle. Stepping forward with the right leg, go into zenkutsu-dachi while the right hand performs a seiken jodan-uki or right upper block at a 45° angle.

By Shivaji Ganguly Kyokushinkaikan karate

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Swing the left leg behind you and turn 270°



Go into a left zenkutsu-dachi and Prepare to perform complete the gidan-baral as you turn



Pull left hand back and deliver a four-finger stab to neck at 45° angle



Step forward Into right zenkutsu-dachl and perform a right jodan-uki at 45° angle



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FEEL if I continue to work hard and take care of my fitness, I can still play for another three or four years or more. One day I may wake up and decide I've had enough of tennis. Then I'll give up.

JIMMY CONNORS, is back on the courts again and refuses to let the world write him off.

'M getting fed up with people who keep writing me off and saying it's the end for Botham. If it's all about cricket and talent, I haven't seen a better all rounder yet.

IAN BOTHAM who has been sidelined for the past two years, in his inimitable style says that he is still the best all-rounder going

REFUSE to get completely down because there's still hope. Everything's up in the air now. I've simply no idea what's likely to happen. I was dumbfounded. I'm feeling very low about it, but life has to go

FRANK BRUNO, who might have to give up boxing after he undergoes an operation on his eye. He was hurt in the retina, after that fateful night against Tyson in Japan.

FEEL like I'm there, that I'm on the top.

GABRIELA SABATINI, now that she has been proving the better of Graf, in all their recent meetings, feels confident about making it to the top.



If I saw Maradona trying to climb out of a well, I'd kick him down it.

Maradona's popularity now has plunged into the abysmal depths, after his recent misdemeanours. The above statement was made by a NEWSPAPER VENDOR.

HIS is the best tennis! played so fer this year and probably one of the best matches, I've ever played. Maybe Ivan didn't play his best tennis. But that's understandable.

STEFAN EDBERG, after his Japan Open win over Ivan Lendl, in which he defeated Lendl in straight sets, 6-1, 7-5 and 6-0.

#### GARY INEKER'S

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THERE'S a picture that exists of you and your wife. Michelle, out in Italy relaxing outside bare-legged—and you've got a lot of scars on your legs. Do you ever feel any anger when you've

been blatantly fouled?

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Lineker with Mark Hughes and other friends holidaying in a beach resort

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ended tomorrow and or you were left at the end with the supposedly small number of medals that you possess? Would you feel satisfied?

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In general, though, how do you motivate yourself for a supposedly small game when you've played on the world's biggest stages?

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#### Do you think he's generally misunderstood by the press?

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Paul Gascoigne: misunderstood?

Moving on to the subject of Paul Gascoigne, you have said that he was your favourite comedian. Were you serious about this?

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Do you perhaps feel Gazza's personality is a cover-up for a different person underneath?

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Do you think he'd be a success if he went abroad?

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# THE FRANK KEATING against the West Indies.

T remains difficult to think of Graeme Hick as an Englishman. The young man whose precocious batting talents almost out-Bradman Bradman at the same age still carries the modesty and soft-voiced diffidence of a colonial boy.

He will be 25 on May 23-by fluke, the date of the first one-day

international of the season for England

His calm exterior that day-for he will surely be plunged in head first by England after his 405 batting gloves

protracted ... qualification—will belie the anxiety in his breast.

For the only remote doubt about his genius at the crease is what the old-timers and graybeards call "big match temperament".

Time and again, in Championship matches and one-dayers, he has swept his county, Worcestershire, to unlikely and palpitating victories. But when it has really mattered, also Graeme has goofed.

In Worcestershire's two Lord's Cup finals during Hick's time, he has failed—by his exceptional standards-quite miserably.



Even in his stint for Queensland in the Sheffield Shield he was held responsible for the team not playing in the prestigious final at Brisbane.

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# The Dilemma Of



405 Batting leg guards

The semi-final was against Victoria at Melbourne. On the final day, Queensland needed only 193 in the last innings to win. A doddle was at once caught at slip for next to nothing. and his team, horror-struck, collapsed abjectly.

Three major matches. Three major boobs. The West Indies this springtime will be determined to prey on this one possible crack in the young man's armour. He will for sure be in for a torrid time when the gauntlet is thrown down for real on the international stage.

Few sound judges have little doubt that Hick's talent will prevail. If not, that definitive sporting truism "class will out" would be shown up after. a century of unblinking certitude as so much

flather and flannel."

The two eminences of Queensland cricket are backing the protege. "He is sensible enough to know Test cricket won't be a breeze; and he's patient enough to know you need both grit and luck against any West Indies attack.', says the coach, Barry Richards. "There can never have been a better prepared Test player than Graeme", says Allan Border.

Certainly, the fact of Hick coming into his



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heritage and inheritance makes for a fascinating and intriguing curtain-up on our newly minted, fresh summer season.

The Graeme Hick 405 range that was launched after his 405 runs in county cricket in 1989

# Being Graeme Hick





and advanced categories. But remember, what's advanced tough, that is for one person may be child's play for another. So find out where you fit in and get started.

A lot of people feel that sit-ups are about the best thing for the abs. They are...if all you're looking for is a decent level of fitness. But talk chiselled abs and you're in the wrong league. Sit-ups are the most basic abdominal developer. The stuff you have to do in order to get your abs in working order. Once sit-ups become easy, that's when you know it's time to move onto the tougher stuff.

In fact, people who've only done regular sit-ups throughout their fitness regimen might still complain of an embarrassing bulge in their lower abdomen. That's because all those sit-ups they've been cranking out only works the upper half of the abdominal wall.

The best beginning exercise for the upper abs is the 45° sit-up. Keeping the knees bent, feet flat on the floor, sit up to a 45° angle and return to the starting

position. When doing sit-up type exercises, you should first contract the abs before beginning the movement. That protects the spine since it prevents the hip flexors and an assistant spinal flexor from firing before the abdominals and pulling the spine into hyperextension.

As for the debate about keeping the legs straight or bent, the only minus point about straight-leg abdominal work is that the psoas muscle—which

Bend those knees! Straight leg sit-ups work the psoas muscle while the bent-knee variety (inset) attack the abs

hyperextends the spine when you lie on your back with your legs fully extended-- is kept out of the action. Bend the knees and you give the psoas muscle slack, allowing the spine to lie flat on the floor and giving the abs full benefit.

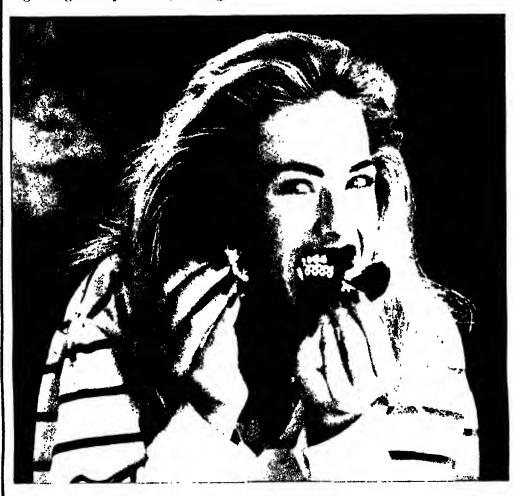
If you're just getting started on your road to fitness, sit-ups are the best abdomen exercise you can do. They'll wake up your abs, get them into condition and prepare them for the tougher tasks that lie ahead.

# THE HEALTH COLUMN

TOU folks out there still trying to keep with the resolutions that were made at the beginning of the year?

Are those now relegated to the books of history, or are the results already starting to show? If you were through the months

concentrating on the diet and if you had been exercising at the same time then by now you should be satisfied with the results.



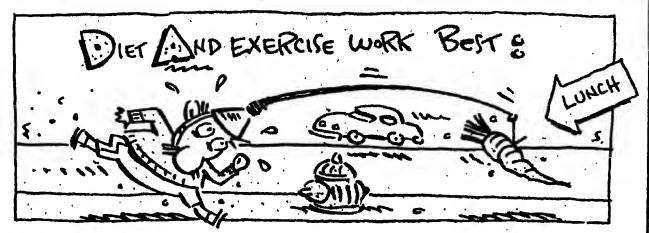
This week we are going to give you some pointers on getting into shape and staying that way. What we are talking about here, is eating and eating right. We are talking about revamping your food habits and before long the difference is going to show.

#### Don't go on a diet:

When we talk of a 'diet' we usually refer to the short term commitment. We go on a diet to get in shape, to make the bulge disappear and after a few kilos are lost, it's back to the same old story. Just stuff in whatever comes your way Also the dangers of undernourishing the body are there This is because by suddenly cutting down on the calorie intake, there is a nutrient void created in the body. Of course you do lose weight but then the repercussions of the nutrient deficiency is not worth the trouble. So don't get into the habit of going into these crash diet programmes that promises some astonishing weight loss in a couple of weeks.

Be Positive: Losing weight just to look good should not be the motto of your weight loss programme. They are nevertheless good reasons but not good enough motivators. The problems is that if these are the only guidelines then you get bored when the results take time to

FOOD FOR



show and also when you have to take it easy on the fat inducing foods that are so tempting. Instead, try telling yourself that you'll stand to gain in terms of self-esteem, energy and good health, not to mention the good looks.

Let go of the triggers:

The problem with most people is that they do not eat too much of everything but they have a craving for certain foods, that are fattening like cakes, ice cream, dessert. chocolate, or even those potato chips. These foods are the trigger foods and once you identify them, take it easy on the intake of these foods and reward vourself in other ways.

Spoil your appetite:

High protein intake (like fish, dal, cereals etc.) before meals tend to lower the total calorie consumption. A good way to stifle your appetite is to have a high protein snack or soup about 20 minutes before



the main meal That way you will feel a bit stuffed by the time you reach the table. Enjoy what you eat:

You won't have to eat sawdust to lose weight. A palatable diet before you is not going to make you overeat. If you eat low ealorie food that tastes good then you don't have to live with the guilt of overeating and putting on weight, and at the same time you don't have to give up the good taste.

Turn up the heat: At the table turn on the heat. It has been proved that food stuffs like chillies, pepper, mustard and

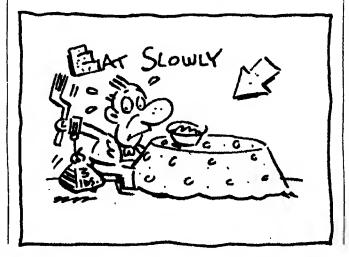
other hot spices speed up the metabolism rate of the body, and this helps you burn ealories at a much faster rate After a hot meal. metabolism rates are boosted up by as much as 25%

Derail that craving:
When the urge to eat
strikes, try any of these
strategies. Try going
out for a walk, brush
your teeth (the
sweetness dampens the
craving for food) or just

gulp down a glass of water. These methods will make sure that you do not overeat.

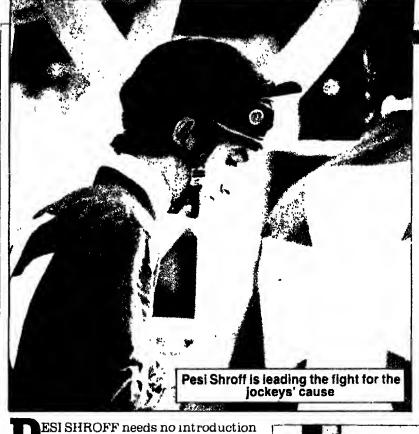
Fat slowly: If you are a foodwolfer, who just devours whatever is there on the plate, then you are in for bad news. What happens is, that if you just gulp down the food, your mind does not get the time to send the signal to the brain that you are full.

Keep in touch with us and next week we will be giving you some more tips on handling your food. ●





#### **TURF VIEW**



still finds the time to enjoy life with his wife Tina and their son. But surely he cannot do more than that or can he?

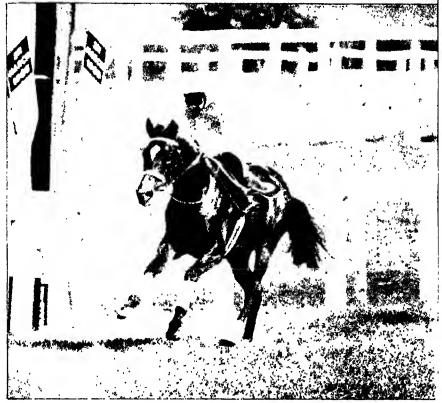
It's what you might call a high flying lifestyle. One that hardly leaves you with time to breathe. But for Pesi Shroff there is a lot that the average racegoer does not see. There is a lot he does that goes unnoticed. There is a lot he is involved in because its for the right cause

It's something that he grew up with. His family has been actively involved in running a school for Remedial Education. looking after the lot of the retarded and the spastics. With that sort of a childhood background it does not come as any surprise to find Shroff elected Vice President of the Jockeys Association Of India. It's a task that he takes very seriously indeed. No ordinary handicap race this. For him it's like an Indian Derby or an Invitation. With his track record in those two races he has a lot

racing buffs all over the country Ever since he was licensed to ride back in 1981. his has been a meteoric rise to stardom. Certainly having come a long way since the day he rode his first winner in September '81 astride a filly named My Squaw, five Indian Derbies - of which the last three have been on the trot-in the course of the last decade, along with four Invitation

Cups and a host of other Classic victories make Shroff one of the most sought after jockeys in the land.

In Bombay today, and in Bangalore the next to fulfill riding engagements, Shroff has a hectic schedule both on and off the track. The offers keep pouring in, asking him to accept any number of rides. It's trying to say a polite "No" that keeps him ever so busy. Then there is the family business to look after. A business left to Pesi by his father and now enjoying a track record that's more than just successful. In between all this Shroff



# RE THE JOCKEYS IN

expected of him.

Why interfere and take on the Establishment is what any man in his

might ask. The answer to that according to Shroff, is that he is looking for justice for the average jockey who is

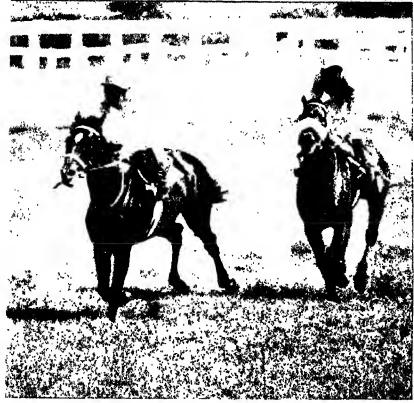
riding today.

It's become something of a passion for Shroff ever since he stepped in to spearhead the cause for the improvement of the lot of the average rider. Almost a mission, he handles it with zeal and a great deal of maturity for one so young. Recently, things came to a head in Bombay when the jockeys in support of their one major demand decided to go on strike and Shroff showed that he had all the support of the jockeys who backed the decision of the Association to the hilt. It was a display of unity and it went to show that this time the Association meant business The lot of the average rider in India is

not a very happy one Like all

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sportsmen or athletes making a career out of sport, it can be a dangerous and dicey proposition. Of course you might say that the same would apply to any walk of life, but when the majority of jockeys come from uneducated backgrounds, getting their problems understood by an establishment that has never really been very sympathetic to them is a major problem.

At present the main point of issue that has come up is the question of granting licenses to jockeys There are five major Turf Authorities in the country, each of which is an autonomous body in it's own right. Each of them has exclusive rights to granting a riding license to a jockey or refusing to grant him one for whatever reasons they may think fit. Thus in India you can have the amazing occurance of a jockey being given a riding heense by, say, the Bangalore Turf Club which allows him to ride in Bangalore But another club like, say. Hyderabad Race Club for instance might not allow the same rider the right to ride under their rules.

Sounds surprising, but it gets even better. Being licensed by one Club does not authorise you to ride at another. Yet, getting your license rescinded by one on disciplinary grounds has a reciprocal effect and all the Turf Authorities are very specific about that. Hence if you are suspended. you cannot ride under the rules of any of the five recognised Turf Authorities but if you are licensed by one of them it does not give you the right to go to another centre and ride without first asking permission to do so.

The jockeys now feel that it would be only fair and democratic if all the five Turf Authorities accept a Central Licensing Authority in the country. This would allow a rider to ride anywhere in the country which is precisely what happens in places like the United Kingdom or Europe where, once heensed, all a rider requires if he is going to ride in three different places is his clearance from the place he

# FOR A ROUGH RIDE?



To The Chairman and Committee Members R.W.I.T.C Ltd. Mahalaxmi Race Course Bombay

Gentlemen,

On receipt of a letter dated 10.3.1991 from your Secretary, Major P.R.K. Jacob, requesting representatives of the Jockeys Association of India, to meet the Stewards and Committee Member of the R.W.I.T.C. Ltd. on the 11th inst. at 4.30 p.m. in the committee room, R.W.I.T.C. Ltd. Mahalaxmi Race Course, Bombay, a meeting was held.

Representatives of the Jockeys' Association of India present at the meeting were Jockey Robin Corner and Jockey P. Shroff. We wish to place on record the assurances given by the Chairman, Dr. S. C. Jain at the said meeting.

a) That the R.W.I.T.C. Ltd and the Madras Racing Undertaking were in agreement with the proposal of forming a Central Licensing body, but could not take responsibility for the decision of the remaining three turf Authorities of India, i.e. B.T.C., H.F.C., and R.C.T.C. However, he would do his utmost to promote and obtain the sanction of the remaining Turf Authorities of India.

b) It was stated that a meeting of the Chairmen of the five Turf Authorities would be convened on the 25th day of March 1991, wherein the issue of constituting a Central Licensing Body would be decided upon.

c) He further assured that if one more Turf Authority supporting the issue in question, thus obtaining a majority, he would go ahead with forming of the Central Licensing Body.

d) An assurance was given by the Chairman in the interim period of forming a Central Licensing Body, that jockeys applying for licences to the R W I T.C would be granted the same, and would not be given any cause for grievance

Relying on you to appraise the undersigned representative of the Jockeys' Association of India of the decision taken on this issue, latest by 26th March 1991 at 5 p.m. at the address given below. Trusting you to do the needful,

(P Shroff)
Vice President
Jockeys Association of India

last rode in. It's a fair enough request which merits being taken up. But in the course of the last few months it has been blown up to such a degree that it could escalate into something worse if a solution is not found soon.

was first brought up at the meeting of the Turf Authorities Of India held in Madras in the first week of March. At that meeting it was apparently agreed upon by the Madras Race Undertaking and the RWITC Ltd. that the proposal for forming a Central Licensing Body held water. However they could not take the responsibility for the decision of the three other Turf

According to Pesi Shroff, the matter

After this meeting in Madras, the RWITC Ltd. wrote a letter to the Jockeys Association Of India asking their representatives to be present at a meeting with the Stewards and Committee Members of the RWITC on 11th March at the Bombay racecourse. Jockeys Robin Corner and Pesi Shroff were present at that meeting. It was after this that

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things began to go wrong and it precipitated further with the Jockeys Association deciding to go on strike on March 28.

Whether they were justified in doing so or not is something that I would not like to go into. But extracts from a letter written by Shroff in his capacity as Vice President should throw a great deal of light on the proceedings. Since then a lot of water has flowed under the bridge. The RWITC Ltd. has assured the Jockeys Association that they will consider the matter and they have even appointed a three-member committee to see how it can be best implemented.

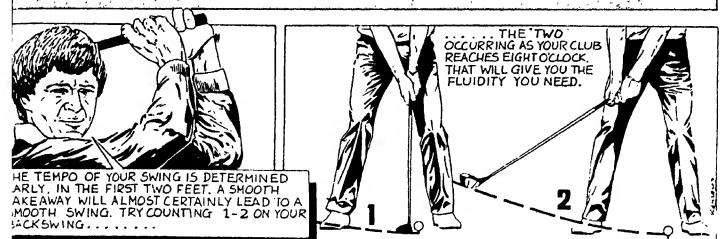
To many, it's a sort of eyewash. That nothing is going to come of it is a commonly touted feeling. To some it's a sort of a victory. But more than anything else, in my opinion the decision by the Stewards of the RWITC Ltd. to consider the matter and look into the same is a great achievement in itself. It is a step in the right direction towards improving the relationship between the Jockeys and the Establishment.

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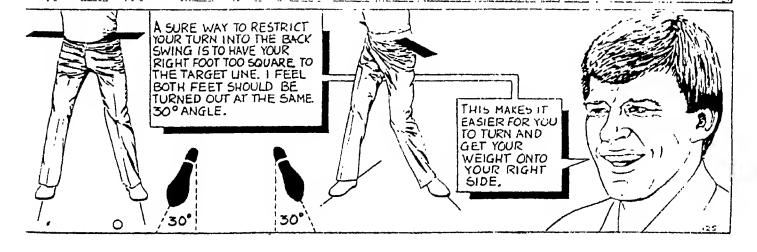
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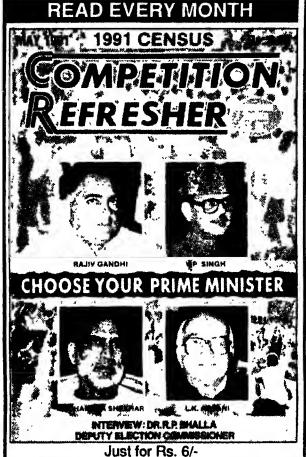
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#### MAILBAG

#### Welcome Change

March-2 April. The thought that immediately came to my mind was, that thank God at last Mudar Patherya was 'disillusioned' with cricket, otherwise the heading would have still been the same, but the accompanying picture would be of the 'Hero' from the other side of the border.

I braced myself before reading the Freewheeling, because I saw Mudar's name at the end of the piece. And before long, (the second paragraph) he was back to the 'Hero' from across the border.

I started reading and before long I was unaware of the other passengers staring at this silly girl who was smiling all to herself. You might be 'disillusioned'. Mr Patherya but your writing still makes readers like me daydream about cricket

Let's see your name more regularly in the pages of Sportsworld.
JYOTI SHUKLA.
Bombay.

#### Congrats!

**CONGRATS** to Allan Border for completing the 9,000 runs in Test cricket. The left-handed batsman has always impressed with his superb style and his match-winning-knocks. Now the record of Sunil Gavaskar stands in jeopardy, and maybe this batsman will be the one to break that. A record breaker, a successful skipper and an enthusiastic player, Border will always be remembered for the service he has rendered Australian cricket, and the world of cricket in general. ABHIRUP ROY, Patna.

#### Not a great idea, but...

THIS refers to 'Standpoint' by Raju Mukherjee, where he had aired his views regarding the changing of apparel in sports, to keep in tune with the changing times. Wearing shorts in cricket certainly does not seem to be a great idea. Cricket is one sport where the orthodoxy of the game has always been a matter of pride.

Maybe Raju Mukherjee is of this opinion because he has quit cricket, and is now watching a match with the big names playing, (but in shorts).

Then you can show the world that you are not a MCC (Male cricket chauvinist), but a genuine person with a mind to modify some of the rules in cricket.

ARTA MISHRA.

#### Cuttack. Superb

HE interview of Woorkeri
Raman (27 Mar-2nd Apr), done
by Partab Ramchand, was simply
superb. The mature way in which
this young man spoke about his
difficulties, and about the way he
was sidelined from the team, was
impressive. He has been relegated
to the status of a mere passenger
on the Indian team. In the
interview, he was not vindictive at
any point, but he was very sad
about the bad deal that had been
meted out by the authorities.

The fact, that he has an average of 33.54 speaks volumes about his talent. This guy can be compared to the other elegant left-hander in modern cricket, David Gower. Maybe now Raman should insist on playing in a fixed position and not just in whatever position he is asked to by the captain.

Indian cricket is in such a pitiable state that a good all-rounder like Raman has to be grateful if he is given a chance to play for the country. But nevertheless here is wishing Raman all the best, for the forthcoming tour.

K.S. MOHAN,
Calicut.

#### A great shock

THE banning of Diego Maradona by FIFA came as a great shock to all the followers of the game. After losing the 1990 World Cup, he was written off by everyone. He should have been careful about his image and should have taken

more pains to play the type of soccer that he became famous for in the first place.

But maybe the good thing that will come out of this is that the other players will now be wary of their conduct, both on and off the field. FIFA by taking this bold decision has proved that no one, not even Maradona is above the larger interests of the game and sportsmanship in particular. S. HUSSAIN, Dibrugarh.

#### Puzzling a

ONGRATULATIONS to
Azharuddin for being voted as
one of Wisden's five cricketers of
the year. But the reasons forwarded
by Mr. Greame Wright editor.
Wisden for the non-inclusion of
Sachin Tendulkar was really
puzzling. He is of the opinion that
since Sachin is young he could wait
for some more time before the
honour is conferred on him. Maybe
Mr. Wright has not heard of young
prodigies like Boris Becker or
Monica Seles, who were honoured
when they were very young.

When Tendulkar was in England he mesmerised the country with his batting skills, and yet nothing happens.

A.G. BHAGWAT, Bombay.

#### Memorable!

ATS off to Sportsworld and Robin Chatterjee for the superb story on Kapil Dev, in the issue dated 27 Mar-2 April. It was real fun reading about Kapil Dev's life off the field. The novel idea of spending a day with a sportsman, is welcomed by the readers of the magazine. The previous writeup on P.T. Usha by Shevlin Sebastian also made interesting reading.

Sportsworld should perhaps ask Robin to spend a day with some international sports personalities. And if he takes off on the idea by spending a day with Sabatini, then I guess he will not have to be paid his normal allowances. The prospect of spending a day with Gabriela should be incentive enough.

RAJESH MISHRA, Cuttack.



India's Ombir Singh (left) versus Iran's N. Zeinal in the 48 kg bout

# AN IRANIAN STRA

N a meet where the rest of the participating nations could do little against the might of the Iranian matmen, a gritty and determined Mongolian demonstrated how they could be conquered. And that occurred in the 74 kg weight category of the seventh Asian Freestyle Wrestling Championships, held at the Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi.

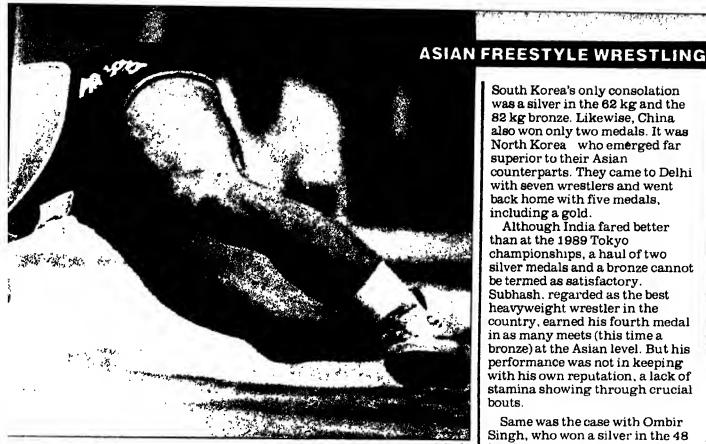
A Seoul Asian Games silver medallist, Enh Bayer was pitted against the world number two Iranian Amir Reza Khudem. But nobody in the full house was ready to tip the Mongolian as the hot favourite. However, in a matter of minutes Bayer produced the most stunning result of the evening

Sheer courage and initial technical superiority gave him the confidence to stand up against his

Jagdish Singh struggles against Iranian world champion Ali Reza Suleimani opponent. A duck under cross hand (a hold which is better known as ulti nikal among Indian wrestlers) applied by Bayer in the opening minute made the difference as Amir Reza writhed in pain, his shoulder the trouble

spot. Resuming the bout only after minor medical aid and trailing 0-3 on points Amir Reza—undoubtedly a better wrestler—took control by applying the leg tackle (pat mkal). In a simultaneous action, the





# NGLEHOL

Iranian made a rare comeback by applying the side swing (bharan daz) to gain two points But this was the end of the bout and Bayer emerged the winner

Gan Sun, a silver medallist in the 1986 Asiad, was another Mongolian who made the golden mark in the 90 kg category. But he could not produce the thrilling show put up by his countryman Bayer. He won against China's Qu Zong Dong with a very unimpressive 2-1 margin

The 90 kg middle heavyweight category was another disappointment for the Iranians where they failed to secure either a gold or silver. However, Boland Ighbal restored some prestige in the Iranian camp by managing a bronze after downing Wu Shu Sheng of Chinese Taipei within seconds of the bout's start.

Once Iran started the quest for medals, there was no stopping them. While it was unbelievable that the 57 kg class didn't figure a

single Iranian in the medal standing—Siyavosh Noori proving to be the weakest link in the mighty Iranian chain-otherwise there was no holding them back. Majid Torkans, who is the numero uno in the world 52 kg division, and Ali Reza Suleimani in the 130 kg super heavyweight led their team to a high pedestal. The Iranians' eventual haul: seven golds, one silver and a bronze.

It was a pleasure to watch Suleimani, the Tokyo world champion last year, toy with his rivals, including India's Jagdish Singh. But the 21-year-old Jagdish Singh, who made a creditable international debut by reaching the super class final, did put up a valiant fight.

The failure of the South Koreans and the Chinese was the sour point of the meet. Both nations having emerged Asian powers after successfully conducting their Asian Games,

South Korea's only consolation was a silver in the 62 kg and the 82 kg bronze. Likewise, China also won only two medals. It was North Korea who emerged far superior to their Asian counterparts. They came to Delhi with seven wrestlers and went back home with five medals. including a gold.

Although India fared better than at the 1989 Tokyo championships, a haul of two silver medals and a bronze cannot be termed as satisfactory. Subhash, regarded as the best heavyweight wrestler in the country, earned his fourth medal in as many meets (this time a bronze) at the Asian level. But his performance was not in keeping with his own reputation, a lack of stamina showing through crucial bouts.

Same was the case with Ombir Singh, who won a silver in the 48 kg class, adding to the silver he won at the Beijing Asiad last year. Ombir could only secure a 'sudden death' verdict against China's Suyalutu in the group 'B' finals. thus getting a entry into the final at the cost of a disqualification of the Chinese. Although he put up a good fight initially, he could not withstand the flurry of attacks by Iran's Nassir Zevnal in the final.

Overall, the Indian grapplers did not live up to expectations. Coach Raj Singh was a disappointed man, having anticipated a tally of six medals. with at least one gold. Wishful thinking, it does seem like.

Commenting on the Indian performances, the Iranian team manager Ali Sanatkeran, a world champion in his time and who has seen the talent of Malwa. Udai Chand and Bishambhay Singh. said, "Indians are very good wrestlers. They have good physiques, strength and stamina but they lack speed and technique. It is a pity to see the Indians who were very good in the past." The Iranian manager went on to point out that he didn't know what stalemates the Indians are facing but "they need facilities and better coaching.

Brijendra Pandey, Delhi

#### ROUNDUP

#### CALCUTTA

#### Senior Division Hockey

THOIBA SINGH did the trick once again for Food Corporation of India (FCI). The international left-out guided FCI to their second senior division league title on the trot and relegated fancied Mohun Bagan to the runners-up position for the second year running.

FCI have set up a record of sorts. They have remained unbeaten in the three years that they have been playing in the local hockey league. FCI finished runners-up in their debut year.

On the other hand, BNR, which yet again finished among the top four in the league, impressed with their bunch of Adivasi lads mostly from the Ranchi belt of Bihar.

BNR as an organisation is not the best around. Organisational lapses on the part of the BHA and also the police led to frequent disturbances on the pitch and off it. The police yet again was seen in a poor light. Imagine ten policemen controlling a crowd of over 200 (the BHA league hardly draws a large crowd) in a ground like Mohun Bagan! The Mounted Police, however, were slightly better off.

The BHA's lack of preparedness, even during the Mohun Bagan-FCI engagement at the former's ground had almost led to major trouble. Firstly, police arrangements were inadequate and secondly, like all other matches, there was no technical bench, thus putting enormous pressure on the umpires. And still, Mr Kumaresh Sen, the BHA secretary would not agree that BHA's efforts left a lot to be desired

Coming to umpiring, it was not always the best. Most office teams allege that big teams like East Bengal and Mohun Bagan often succeed in "buying" the umpires. This allegation is not entirely false. Basu Bhattacharya, a young man in his late twenties, was perhaps one of the umpires who

stood out on the Maidan. Quite firm in his decisions, Basu has a certain amount of personality on the ground which is very essential when officiating crucial matches. Bharat Chopra and international Gurbax Singh are the other ones who are respected on the Maidan, but age is no longer on their side.

FCI, BNR and Mohun Bagan apart, another team which impressed this year was ERAA. They remained unbeaten this year and finished with 18 points from 13 matches—a point less than runners-up Mohun Bagan.

FCI's fine performance in the league centred around Thoiba Singh, Ranjit Meetei and Kuljit Meetei. All the three are Manipuris and they have carved out a niche for themselves in the local circuit. Bhaskar Anand was

Food Corporation of India were the winners of the Senior Division hockey title

another one who had a good season with FCI this year. A short corner specialist, the FCI full back scored five goals in the league.

Goals still remain at a premium The highest goalgetter's position was shared by three men—Pradip Jena of Customs and Davinder Singh and Zafrul Hasnanin of ERAA. They shared 21 goals equally among themselves.

Davinder still remains one of the best players in the local league. But the man who had really caught the eye was Custom's slightly built centre-forward Manjinder Singh, who was a treat to watch with his brilliant stickwork.

The FCI versus Mohun Bagan match actually decided the league championship. FCI simply needed a draw, while Bagan had to win. But Thoiba sealed Mohun Bagan's fate in the fifth minute of the game with a fine goal scored off an indirect penalty corner hit.



FCI protected the lead in a rough match which saw both teams being reduced to ten men each by the 20th minute. Bagan suffered greatly from being a man less. Prakash Vidyarthi, who was ejected for dangerously swishing his stick towards Ranjan Dhang of FCI, was Bagan's main threat in the offence line. But the glamour team hardly got their act together to topple FCI from the league title.

Soumitra Bose

#### RANCHI

#### Chotanagpur Yoga

VINEETA JALAN claimed the "Yoga Samragyi" title while Ritesh Kumar was declared "Yoga Samrat" in the Chotanagpur Yoga Championships held here recently.





#### Ritesh Kumar (left) and Vineeta Jaian were the winners in the Chotanagpur Yoga Championships

Altogether more than 250 participated in the championships organised by Paramhans Yoganand Yogashram and Chotonagpur Yoga Assembly jointly.

Chief guest Mr P. N. Singh, Dy. Director, Physical Education (Tribal Area Bihar) gave away the prizes while Dr Mahendra Kumar Roy, director Paramhans Yoganand Yogashram delivered the vote of thanks.

**Anii Kumar Singh** 

#### **MADRAS**

#### Federation Cup Kahaddi

THE 11th Federation Cup
kabaddi tournament held at
Salem was badly affected with the
last minute withdrawal, due to
various reasons, of some of the top
teams in the country. These
included champions Services.

runners-up Railways, Punjab and Delhi in the men's section and Hyderabad, Punjab, Vidarbha and Goa in the women's section.

According to A.K. Saha, secretary, Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India Services sought postponement because the dates clashed with the Inter-Command meet. But the other teams reportedly did not even bother to inform the organisers about their decision to withdraw from the five-day meet.

Upset at the behaviour of the concerned teams, Saha said that the AKFI would contemplate disciplinary action. "We will definitely take action" he told reporters. "The disciplinary committee will find out viable ways to deal with the problem".

The tournament, supposed to feature the top eight teams in the last nationals at Vijayawada and expected to provide keen fare was thus robbed of much glamour. The championship was reduced to a six team event in the men's section and a five team event in the women's section. The tournament which was to have been played on a league cum knock-out basis with the top two

teams from each pool entering the semi finals was finally played on a round-robin involving all the teams with the top two teams contesting the final.

At the end of it all, Maharashtra men and Railways women emerged triumphant.

Maharashtra rallied to beat Karnataka 23-18 while Railways took the title for the eighth year in a row beating Maharashtra 32-11 in the finals.

In both the finals the losers led initially. In the men's event Karnataka were ahead 11-3 and in the women's, Maharashtra raced to a 4-0 lead. In both cases the ultimate winner staged a fine rally to win.

Kerala and Bengal exchanged third and fourth places in the two events. In the men's event Kerala scored a narrow 14-13 victory over Bengal while in the women's event Bengal were too good for Kerala winning 54-13.

**Partab Ramchand** 

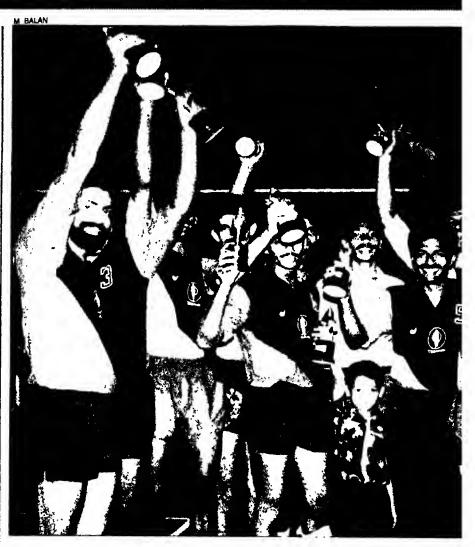
#### TRIVANDRUM

#### G. V. Raja Volleyball

Na see-saw affair, Titanium Trivandrum beat Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) to emerge champions in the second edition of the All India G.V. Raja Gold Cup Volleyball tournament held at the Jimmy George Indoor Stadium recently.

The eventual champions took two hours to down KSEB in a well fought match. KSEB took an early lead (7-1) in the opening game. But some wayward shots at this stage cost KSEB the set 13-15. KSEB spearheaded by international Johnson Jacob struck back to take the second set at 15-12. Binu Joseph with fine placing shots helped Titanium to bag the third set 15-9. The fourth set (15-3) was a cakewalk for KSEB. The final set saw both the teams fighting tooth and nail. Titanium won the set 15-13. For Titanium Dannikutty David excelled.

Earlier, Titanium and KSEB won their semi-final matches in



Titanium were the winners of the All-Indla G.V. Raja volleyball tournament

contrasting styles. Titanium shocked holders and Federation Cup champions Kerala Police in a five setter, 16-14, 13-15, 15-3, 9-15, 15-7.

While K.S.E.B. beat Southern Railways in straight sets 15-10, 15-12, 15-11.

Sajeev Kumar T.K.

#### CUTTACK

#### Bhairab Mohanty Hockey

REVENUE Cup champions and Beighton Cup runners-up Electrical Mechanical Engineering (EME), Jalandhar won their ninth title of the year when they beat South Eastern Railways 3-2 in the finals of the 3rd All India Bhairab Mohanty Gold Cup hockey tournament hele at the Barabati Stadium. Cuttack, recently.

After a barren first half the Jalandhar outfit scored twice within three minutes. Raja Kachhap received a cross in front of the rival citadel and neatly placed the ball beyond the Railways goalkeeper. Centre forward Kamal Kachhap increased the margin to 2-0 when he pushed home another cross from right winger A.R. Sindhe.

However, the Railway men fought back gallantly thanks to the pep talk from their coach and former Olympian. Joginder Singh. EME's defensive tactics to maintain their lead went awry as SE Railway's methodical and



vibrant attack started yielding results. After three abortive penalty corners S. Pradhan scored a field goal to reduce the margin to 2-1. Nine minutes later, the umpire awarded a stroke in favour of SE Rly as one the EME defenders unlawfully obstructed the eighth penalty corner and N.A. Surin converted it nonchalantly to restore parity.

When the match was getting closer to the tie-reaker J. Tiru struck the match winner for EME in the 14th minute of the extra time. His booming penalty corner hit the target like a bullet.

The 12-day tournament, organised by the Barabati Cultural Union attracted 20 teams from different parts of the country. Earlier in the semifinals. EME overwhelmed Orissa Police 4-0 while SE Rly got the better of Calcutta Electrical Supply Corporation (CESC) 2-1. There



were 19 matches in all, which produced as many as 90 goals.

E Kiro, the dynamic Orissa Police forward, with 9 goals was the top scorer. He also had the distinction of achieving the only hattrick of the tournament Runner-up SE Rly received the The EME squad were the winners of the Bhairab Mohanty Gold Cup hockey tournament

Tarique Hussain Trophy while Orissa Police was adjudged the beat disciplined team

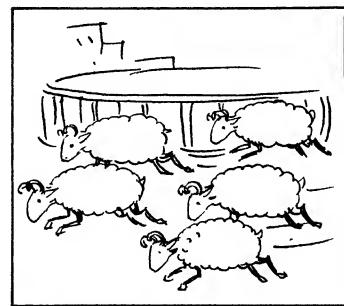
Sanatan Pani



#### **BOMBAY**

#### **Sports Book Released**

Mohd. Azharuddin releases, "Sachincredible", a book written by noted broadcaster and sportswriter, Harsha Bhogle (left). The book is a compilation of reports published in Mid-Day on India's tour to England in 1990. The book has been published by Marine Sports.



#### SHEEP RACING?

Baa, Baa!

ORSE racing is certainly not up everyone's street, so for all those who are feeling a bit left out, here's something novel; sheep racing! This fascinating sport has been introduced at Abbotsham (where else but in

England) in Devon.

The RSPCA (fortunately) has approved of the concept and the organisers say modestly that this is, "England's most imaginative and entertaining tourist attraction". Participants for the race—and we're not referring to the sheep—can become owners for a day. The standard racing distance has been set at one-third of a mile.

So place your bets, ladies and gentlemen.

#### NUDE RELAYS

A bizarre 'take-off'

QUITE a few sinister developments have been taking place at the University of Florida recently, but there's one that really takes the cake. A series of 'nude relays' were run by athletes from 10 different universities in the 48th annual Florida relays.

The incident which shocked many was reported to John Lombardi, president of the University of Florida but he. himself, was unperturbed by the fact that such a scene had taken place in his campus. About 45 men and women took part in the relays. The participants ran on an unlighted track and there were no photos and officials to keep time.

"That's a bizarre takeoff, no pun intended, on streaking," Lombardi said. He was equally surprised to hear that this had happened last year too, and nobody had told him. "But next year I'll be more vigilant," Lombardi said. "Maybe they'll issue me an invitation. I don't know if I'll run, but I'd come and watch."

For the sporting public, it would suffice to know that contenders from Villanova University took the title.



#### GOOD TASTE SPECIAL

It stinks!

HE YANKS are known for their hype and hoopla but sometimes even the most finely choreographed commercials go awry. Check this out.

During a time-out at the Miami Heat basketball game recently, Burnie, a team mascot, chased a performer during the time-out commercials—who was dressed as an Arab. Burnie caught him in the middle of the court, beat him up

and led him away by a hangman's noose.

And what did they call the commercial? Good taste special.



#### For God's sake!

: Come to Mass

ELIGION and soccer go hand in hand in Italy — we thought everyone knew that. But not in the case of Pietro Paolo Virdis, no sir. Virdi could safely be labelled as a heretic by the Italian clergy.

A forward who plays for the Lecce football club, Virdis was banned from training and relegated to the substitute's bench after he refused to go to a special Mass to pray that his club stayed in the first division. The hapless player incurred the wrath of his coach, who accused him of 'spiritual intransigence'. He can how only look to God for redemption.

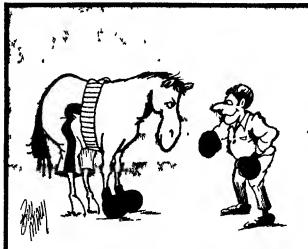


REF JACK MCAULIFFE SIMPLY REFUSED TO COUNTOUTA FLOORED BOXER IN A 1920 MATCH! JIMMY O'GATTY KNOCKED PACKEY MCFARLAND DOWN FOUR TIMES, BUTEACH TIME THE REF LET HIM GET UP WITHOUT A COUNT!

AFTER MCFARLAND WAS DECKED FOR THE FIFTH TIME, THE REFEREE WAITED NEARLY 10 MINUTES BEFORE FINALLY DECLARING MCFARLAND KAYOED!

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IN 1966, AT A TOWN FAIR IN PANAMA, BETTORS CLAIMED THERE WAS ONE OPPONENT WHO COULD TAKE FUTURE LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMP ROBERTO DURAN'S BEST SHOTAND REMAIN STANDING. DURAN TOOK THE \$10 BET AND DELIVERED A RIGHT TO THE HEAD. DOWN WENT HIS OPPONENT... A HORSE!

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#### **MILESTONES**



WON: By Monica Seles the Virginia Slims of Houston tennis tournament. She defeated Mary Joe Fernandez 6-4 6 3

POSTPONED: The World Cup Amateur Boxing Tournament at Lugos It will now be held from July 21 to 28 instead of May 5 to 12 PROBABLE That South Africa might be recalled into the Olympic movement by July 91

OPERATED Heavy weight boxer Frank Bruno for a form retina.

JOINING Claudio (annigia of Argentin): the Italian first division club Fiorent national eported 6.7 million dollars

RESCINDED By the UEFA the han against Liverpool that was on for the past 6 years. They will be back in the Furopean competition from the next season.

WON By Rosa Mota the London Marathon Mota clocked a timing of 2 his 26 mins and 11 sees RENAMED. The newly planned lederation Cup horker tournament to the Pepsi Cup. WON By Jahangh Khan the British Open Squash mensitile for a record 10th time. Incident liver winners champion Lisa Opic became the first home winner of the championship in 30 years.

ADJOURNED By the Delhi High Court a hearing on the case filed by Raman Lamba in protest against the ban stainmed on him by the BCCI till December 31

DEFEATED Leander Paes in the Epson Singapore Open terms championship by Glen Michibata of Canada Paes had incidentally defeated Wally Masur of Australia in his earlier match

#### MOHAMMEDAN SC WIN

# Nigerians Play Lead Role

ALCUTTA's Mohammedan Sporting traversed a rocky path to reach the final of the Stafford Cup. But, in the battle for the top honours they emerged victorious thanks to their "Black Power". Their Nigerian duo skipper Chibuzor and Christopher—struck a goal apiece to guide them to victory over Hindustan Aeronautics Sports Club seniors, the Bangalore Senior Division League champions, easily the most consistent outfit in fray.

The quality of football in the entire tournament failed to match its status—dubbed as one of the eight premier tournaments in the country by the All India Football Federation. None of the famous teams. except Mohammedan SC. who too fielded a hotch-potch combination. graced the tournament, which was wrongly timed—clashing with the Bandodkar tournament in Goa and also with the Inter-State and inter-club transfers.

Eight teams were seeded directly into the quarter-final league. They were joined by two teams from the qualifying round to make it a 10-team affair—two groups of five teams each.

Group 'A' consisted of Titanium Sports Club, SAI Delhi, ITI Seniors, Hindustan Aeronautics Sports Club Juniors and Bank of India, Bombay.

Group B' teams were: Mohammedan Sporting. Hindustan Aeronautics Sports Club Senior, Marmagao Port Trust. Goa, State Bank of India. Madras and ITI Juniors.

While Titanium and SAI

qualified for the round of four from Group 'A', with six and five points each, HASC Seniors and Mohammedan advanced from Group 'B' with seven and six points, respectively.

Titanium, fielding a comparatively new side played well only in patches, their best display coming against SAI whom they trounced 3-1. The most

The jubilant
Mohammedan Sporting
side with the Stafford
Cup: hard-earned victory

impressive player in their rank was young striker P.S. Asheem who struck a couple of superb goals.

SAI was a revelation. The fact that it was not the lack of talent but the sheer callousness of the men at the helm that has brought about Indian football's downfall was further stressed by the Special Area Games Scheme. Raw talent picked up mainly from the North Eastern States, has showed signs of promise. It was indeed a



creditable performance by the lads, most of them in the age-group of 16-20. In fact, the best goal of the tournament came from the boot of SAI right wingback Sachindra, against Bank Of India.

Local giants ITI Seniors had a disastrous run. But then they keep losing players every year during the inter-State transfers. However they have nobody but themselves to blame for the present predicament. They should certainly show better management techniques when it comes to maintaining a team.

The other teams in the group, the Harwood League champions Bank of India and HASC Juniors failed to impress though the bankmen fared better than ITI Seniors.

The Group 'B' matches too did not rise to any dizzy heights. HASC seniors and Mohammedan were involved in a 1-1 draw when they met each other in the quarter-final league, arguably, the best match in the group All other matches, barring the

MPT-Mohammedan clash, failed to evoke any response among the crowd. The MPT-Mohammedan match had to be abandoned five minutes before close as the Goans refused to continue the game following the referee's refusal to uphold their protest against bad light. The Goans, for whom it was the first match, trailed 0-1 at that time, but were threatening to tear apart the Mohammedan defence with some fast and incisive moves. The tournament committee awarded the match to the Calcutta side with two goals and two points. MPT never really got themselves involved in their subsequent fixtures.

The Madras bankmen too had nothing much to offer to the Bangaloreans. They too fielded a side comprising tried and tested veterans like Ranjith, Benny. Mohammed Amjad, Ricky Brown and the like.

The final match was a well-contested one till about 10 minutes before the end when some unsavoury incidents sparked off crowd violence. The furious crowd set ablaze the temporary stands

Mohammedan', playing without their most impressive player, defender Rahmathullah, started off on a promising note, coming up with some fast moves, spearheaded by Chibuzor. But the HASC defence, marshalled well by stopper Khaleel, thwarted them confidently, HASC also fashiond some counter-attacks, which too were muzzled by the Mohammedan defence.

The status quo was broken by Christopher in the 20th minute as he blasted home a power-packed right footer from the top of the box following a one-two with. Mushtaq Ali. However, before din and bustle settled down. HASC were on par. linkman Ravi Kumar firing home a Somu lob from the right which beat the entire Mohammedan defence

As the match progressed both teams became more cautious. though HASC were seen more in the attack. Yet everything pointed to extra-time and a possible shoot-out. But then came the Mohammedan match-winner.



almost like a bolt from the blue. A miscued lob from HASC defender Roberts landed into his own box. catching goalkeeper Basheer and stopper Khaleel by surprise Chibuzor who followed the flight of the ball too caught them napping as he came up with a stunning header to steer the ball home.

Ecstatic as he was Chibuzor came to the sidelines and danced in joy. In the process, he made some obscene gestures as well, which annoyed the crowd

Then came another act of indiscipline from medio Fareed. who kicked the ball wildly into the stands even as he was being replaced. And to cap it all there was a skirmish on the ground involving. Mohammedan assistant coach Aslam Khan who went into the pitch to attend to an injured player. All these infuriated the crowd who pelted whatever came handy to them at the Mohammedan bench.

However, the match continued, but the crowd refused to leave the stadium until the Police got into their "act"

The final day's crowd, about 20,000, proved that there is no lack of patronage for the game in Bangalore Even for a tournament with a depleted field, there was support from the public But then what ails Bangalore football? Lack of imagination and integrity on the part of administrators is the sole reason for the downfall of Karnataka football which had a glorious past.

Jaya Kumar, Bangalore

#### **DOUBLE TROUBLE**

IG brother Diego Maradona is banned from playing football for 15 months. but that's the smallest of Hugo Maradona's woes.

Four years ago he held onto his brother's shirt tails and followed him to Napoli. but since the club didn't have place for another foreign player they had loaned him out to various clubs over the last few years.

The initial response to take Hugo Maradona was very good because he was a carbon copy of his brother on the soccer field, but the latest

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Interesting snippets from the

world media that we normally

don't get to hear about...

assessment made by the coach of his current club. Rapid Vienna seems to contradict this opinion.

He said. "If anybody imagines this is Diego Maradona playing here, they should fly down to Naples to see the real thing. This is Hugo Maradona a good team player, no more, who has a lot to learn."

In the 29 matches that he has played for Rapid Vienna he has only scored three goals and this has resulted in the club asking him to leave.

So while one brother is banned the other is out of a job. It looks like the Maradona clan is into bad times. About time they went back to Argentina.

#### A HEAVY PRICE

DARCELONA's
Dmotorists are
paying a very heavy
price for staging the
1992 Olympics. With
central Barcelona
little more than a
huge building site,
300,000 cars jam the
roads into the city
every weekend,
queues stretch for
approximately 44
kms into the country.

According to statistics, Barcelona has 420 cars for every 1,000 residents, and this is believed to be the highest figure in the world.

From July, motorists will face a

Graham Gooch and five others have been offered a jucrative deal by the TCCB to stop them from playing unoffical series





reduction in the city's speed limits, from 60 to 50 Kms per hour, and stringent traffic fines ranging from \$ 200 to \$ 400.

It is hoped that the restrictions plus a new road network will improve traffic flow by 15 per cent. Entrance to the city by car during the Olympics may also be on a rota basis.

#### TCCB GETS SMART

T looks like the TCCB are finally waking up and making an effort to stop their cricketers from playing unofficial series.

Six English cricketers. including captain Graham Gooch. have been offered special 'winter' contracts worth up to £20.000 (\$35.000) each to stop them from joining unofficial end-of-season tours abroad.

Under the deal. offered by the TCCB. the players will be paid for an official winter tour even if they are unable to take part.

The others who have been offered this

deal are, vice-captain Allan Lamb, Mike Atherton, Angus Frazer, Devon Malcolm and Jack Russel.

The TCCB took exception to England players taking part in an unofficial series against West Indies in Toronto and New York last year and said that the players risked injuries which would jeopardise the official tour of Australia.

TCCB spokesman Peter Smith said all six had expressed their willingness to accept the principle of the contract although none of them have signed up yet

#### STUPID RULE

WAYNE RAINEY,
the world 500 cc
motorcycling
champion, is none too
happy at the change
of rules which will
allow a rider to
discard his worst two
results in the year's
competition for the
world title.

"It is a stupid rule.
It's handicapping the constant rider who doesn't fall off," said the Californian who was in the top three positions in all, but one race last year.

# THE QUESTIC



- 1.) Cricketer Madan Lal has a hobby, which has nothing to do with sport. He is so good at it that he even appeared on television demonstrating his expertise. In what?

  Cooking.
- 2.) "Before amber turns to red, they should know when to stop the car or take it forward." Who said this about whom? Sunil Gavaskar about players retiring.
- 3.) "This is the land of the Garden of Eden and this is the land where Abraham was born. How could it be bombed?" Which sportsman said this about Baghdad during the recent Gulf War? Muhammad Ali.
- 4.) Something very unique happens on the Calcutta football grounds of the Big

Three maidan clubs on *Poila Baisakh*. (Bengali New Year.) What?

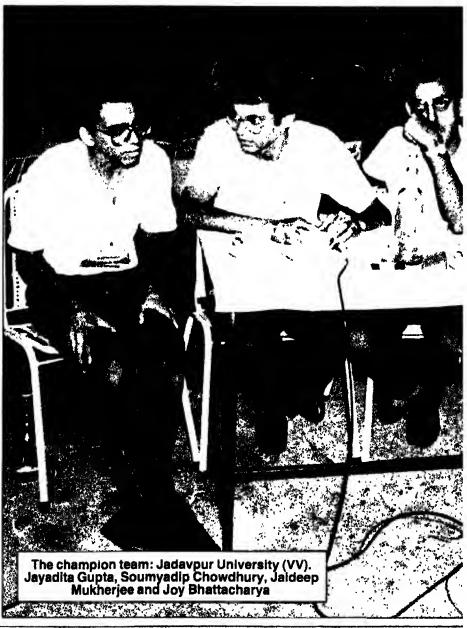
Puja is done to the goalposts.

- 5.) In which game might you have to 'lug'?
  Tops.
- 6.) Who said this to the Skypak Man: "And you thought you

were the only one who could smile while moving at record breaking speed." Flo Jo.

7.) What was Abdul Qadir referring to when he said. "It has fascinated many ladies in England"?

His bowling action.



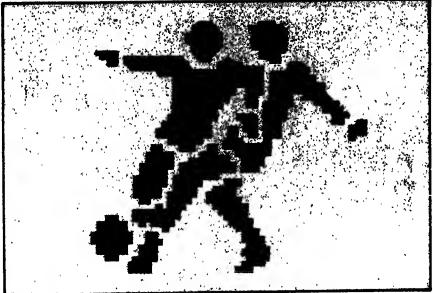
# NIS.

A selection of questions from the Sportsworld Round-Table Quiz for the Dunlop Spectrawide Trophy

8.) When Daley Thompson won the gruelling decathlon event at the Moscow Olympics in 1980, referring to something he said, "It was the biggest problem I had over the two days". What was he referring

Providing a urine sample for the drug test. It took him till 2 a.m. the following morning.





9.)According to Khuswant Singh, who is the most beautiful sportswoman in

Madhumita Singh Bisht.

10.)Name the venue where a complete day of Test cricket has been lost the most number of times? Old Trafford.

- 11.)Bored at home, what game Alfred Butts invent? Scrabble.
- 12.) Formula One racing driver Ayrton Senna is known for his unpredictability. What did Senna give fellow driver Nelson Piquet as a wedding gift? Two resounding slaps because

Piquet married Senna's girlfriend.

- 13.) Which is the only sport in which it is illegal to play left handed? Polo.
- 14.) What was significant

about Ramesh Krishnan's presence in the Davis Cup doubles match against Indonesia in Jaipur? It was his debut.

- 15.) When John McEnroe won a tournament in Basel in 1990. he became the second man after Stan Smith to accomplish a historic feat. What? Winning titles in three decades-70s, 80s, and 90s.
- 16.) I've been in Sports Illustrated not because my grandfather won the US Open, but because I was a swimsuit special model. Who am I? Brooke Shields.
- 17.) The first authorised biography by Richard Evans on John McEnroe was titled 'The Rage For Perfection'. The book was updated and re-released last summer under a different title. What? Taming The Talent.
- 18) In horse racing, how is a sweep stakes race different from any ordinary race?

In a sweepstakes race the contestants pay an entry fee and that forms a part of the stake or prize money for the winner.

19 Martina Navratilova has Killer Dog, Steffi Graf has Max. Who has Don Corleone?

Kapil Dev. That's the name of his pet dog.

20) In world football who are known as 'the trio of death'?

The Dutch trio who also play for AC Milan. Rudd Gullit, Frank Rijkaard and Marco van Basten.

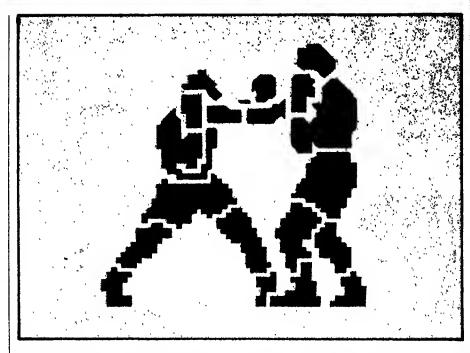
21) Which sportsman was knighted by the Queen at a race course?

### Sir Garfield Sobers.

22) Italy dominated the world bridge championships from 1957 to 1975. Their domination ended ironically when the authorities introduced an innovation. What innovation?

Screens were introduced at tables so that a player couldn't see, communicate or hear his partner.

23) Which famous cricketer had the habit of roaming



around the dressing room in the nude?

### Colin Cowdrey

24) Of which team did Sir Donald Bradman say, "Their scores are like cricket scores"?

The Indian hockey team of the 40s.

25) Like so many Australian cricketers before him, the burly fast bowler Merv Hughes endorses an Australian brand of beer. But what actually is his favourite brand of beer?

### None. He does not drink.

26) What in the cricket media is known as the Cardus Gallery?

It is the commentary box at Old Trafford.

27) Who was nominated 'Man of Italia '90'?

Luca De Montezemello, the organiser of the world cup and no football player.

28) Who scored the most number of header goals at the world cup last year?

### Tomas Skhuravy

29) Edberg-Pickard, Lendl-Roche, Becker-Pilic. Tomas Muster and....

Jimmy Connors. These are all coach-players.

30) In Sportsworld's 1990 year and issue five sportsmen were nominated as the success of the year. Four were Ravi Shastri, V. Anand, Schillachi, and Leander Paes. Who was the fifth?

Waqar Younis

### RUNDOWN

No. of teams: A record number of 150 teams from colleges, schools, clubs and mercantile firms took part. Each team consisted of four members. Final: After two days of qualifiers, nine teams made the final. Hindi High School, Don Bosco School Park Circus, St. Michael's School Patna, HTA, Duncans Tea, Dalhousie Institute, Rotract Club Salt Lake, Jadavpur University (Others), and Jadavpur University (VV).

Duncans Tea, Dalhousie Institute, Rotract Club Salt Lake, Jadavpur University (Others), and Jadavpur University (VV).

After three hours of quizing which included questions from quizmasters Neil O'Brien, Tiger Pataudi, Sambaran Banerjee, Manoj Kothari, Subrata Bhattacharya, Debashree Roy, Gurbax Singh, Saurav Ganguly, Pranab Roy, Akhtar Ali and Arun Lal, JU (VV) took the Dunlop spectrawide trophy from Mr. Srivatsa of Dunlop and carried away the goodies.

1st: Ju (VV): Jayadita Gupta, Soumyadip Chowdhury, Jaideep Mukherjee and

Joy Bhattacharya 2nd: JU (Others): Delekumar Mitra, Raj Shekhar Saha, Jayanta Banerjee.

3rd:DI Francis Groser, Stanley David, R.M. Sen and B. Zachariah.

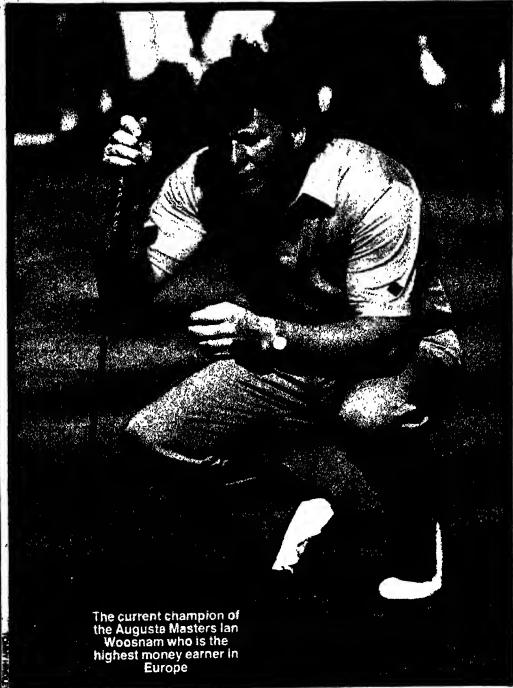
## RUROPE'S

ALES' most prominent golfer, Ian

Woosnam. Twenty-six tournament wins around the world. The highest money-earner in the European continent. A vital cog in the victorious Europe Ryder team. Yet he could never claim to be the best golf player in the world. How could he at none of the four Grand Slam championships was his name on the winner's board. No. Ian Woosnam without a major to his was just any credit other golfer.

The Welshman has been bent on proving the world wrong-that he can win a Big One-especially now. That people were saying Woosnam's time was running out at 33. When he won his first American Circuit tournament in March this year at New Orleans perhaps he began to believe the jinx was broken—that he could win in America.

On day one at the Masters his performance was atrocious...nowhere in sight. He locked a little subdued...he thought he's lost another chance. The following day



### CONQUEST

Subhash Sarcar



Seve Ballesteros, once Europe's lone crusader, is in trouble on the edge of the 12th green during the 1989 Epson Grand Prix

Woosnam made tremendous progress, but still not championship stuff. Twice Masters and
British Open winner
Briton Nick Faldo was
not in his element.
Spain's Mario Jose
Olazabal, Americans
kanny Wadkin and
veteran Tom Watson
were Woosnam's
strongest contender.
So what? On day three

the whole scenario changed. Woosnam was brilliant. His iron shots were precise and superb, especially in the back nine. He outduelled Watson with four consecutive birdies, missed the next two narrowly to finally take a precarious one-shot.

lead over the American.
So when Woosnam took the lead newsmen

asked him how he felt?
"As a front-runner in a major, I don't know. The only thing I got to do right now is win a major," the Welshman confessed.

He did it. Finally. He



was masterful. In fact, he was the lone crusader to challenge the might of the arrogant Americans...eventually bringing European golfers into the limelight.

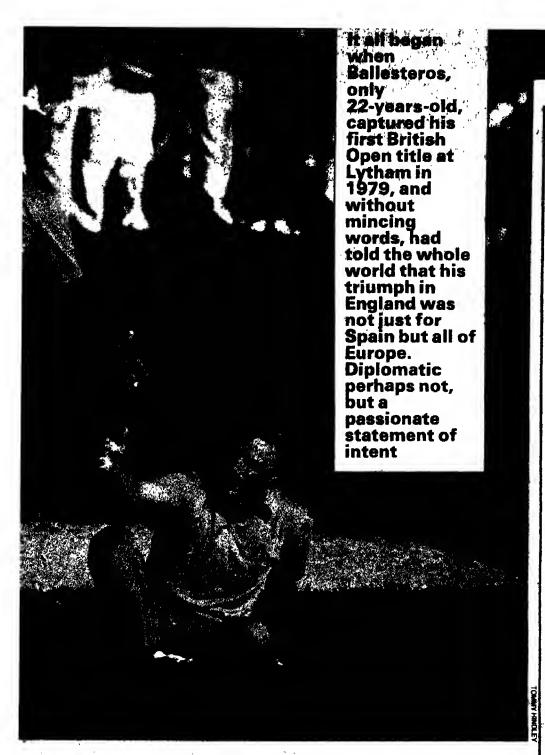
It all began when
Ballesteros only
22-years-old, captured
his first British Open
title at Lytham in 1979,
and without mincing
words, had told the
whole world that his
triumph in England was
not just for Spain but all
of Europe. Diplomatic
perhaps not, but a
passionate statement of
intent.

That British Open win made all the difference. It was a warning to the Americans whose dominance in the sport was then unquestionable...a domination that allowed the Yanks to take occasional digs at their counterparts across the Atlantic. But then Ballesteros emerged as Europ's lethal weapon.

Ballesteros shrugged off his amateur status in 1974 and made his maiden appearance in the modern PGA European Tour the following year. He was the flag-bearer of European brilliance. And his intense competitiveness paved the way for his continental colleagues to strive for more excellence. And not suprisingly, it was this superb collective thrust that gave Europe successive Ryder Cup victories!

Indeed Seve's
influence was not
limited to his
remarkable 46
European wins, his five
Grand Slams and his
sixty triumphs

world-wide, but also included his inspirational Ryder Cup wins. If Ballesteros's play instilled confidence in the European players. his unquestioned brilliance also enhanced the European Circuit which was fast gaining in status and was no longer a poor relation (money and image) to the US Circuit. Now even the Americans were trying their luck on the European courses. And likewise European golfers were proving their class on American soil. And recently when Ian Woosnam of Wales won the USF&G Classic. he became the 19th Greg Norman: pace has worn him down



European player to win a US tournament.

But Ballesteros's '79
British Open crown was
not Europe's only
answer to the American
challenge. Tony Jacklin,
Europe's Ryder Cup
non-playing captain had
a decade earlier won the
US Open and remains
the only European to
have accomplished this
rare feat. But
Ballesteros had more

potential...and the Eighties saw his contemporaries like Ian Woosnam, Nick Faldo, Sandy Lyle and Bernhard Langer add to the European boom. In fact, they were the "Panch Pandavas" of Europe's successes. While four of them won twelve major championships collectively Woosnam this month has added to

that total with his Masters win.

However, the current scene looks quite topsy turvy Unpredictable. Inconsistent. All of them are close challenges. Last year, the 'Great White Shark' Greg Norman and Nick Faldo had performed solidly. But Faldo is way ahead. In fact, Faldo is not dominating by winning the most number of

1987 Ryder Cup: A European victory:..and Sandy Lyle is about to shake hands with German Bernhard Langer

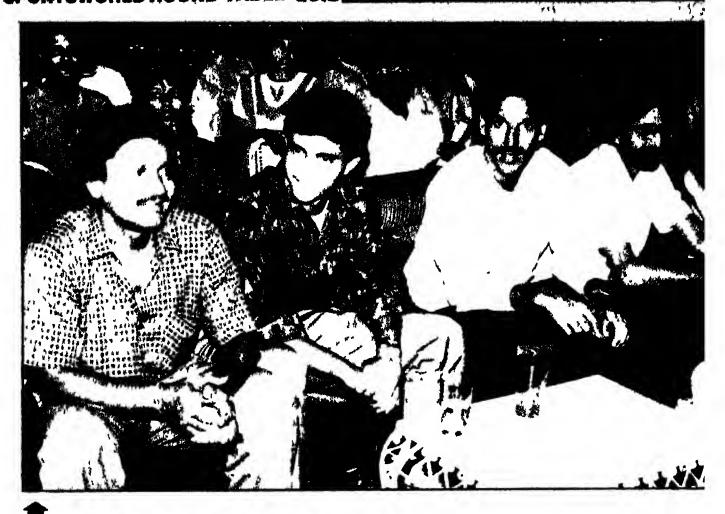
tournaments or most money but by winning the right ones which carry more weight.

But staying on top in golf has always been a difficult task. It's emotionally taxing—and exhausting. Sandy Lyle was a prime example: his downfall began after winning the 1988 Masters at the Augusta National. Said Lyle: "I think the demands of success are far greater than the demands on the golf course."

The same with Seve Ballesteros whose game has steadily crumbled. And the latest victim is the burly Australian Greg Norman He sat by his locker after the recent Players' Championship and admitted that pace has worn him down. "I can honestly say I've got zero desire to play the game right now...I hate it."

If this is the case with Norman, what about Faldo? Faldo's attempt for his third consecutive Masters title went in vain. As he said, "You just can't say you are No. 1 and everything is going to be all right. Right now, I'm thinking more of practising to maintain my game more than trying to maintain the number one position."

### SPORTSWORLD ROUND-TABLE QUIZI



A section of the sportemen invited for the quiz. (Left to right) Former Bengal Ranji Trophy captain Sambaran Banerjee, Bengal's most promising cricketer Sourav Ganguiy, the never say die man of indian soccer Subroto Bhattacharya and hockey Olympian Gurbux Singh



Nikhil Bhattacharya's camera coverage of the biggest sports quiz in the country, the Sportsworld Round-Table Quiz for the Dunlop Spectrawide Trophy ....

Quizmanter Neil C'Brien w nevel short ill interesting pumptions to sellie the surficipalists

## QUIZ TIME!





Debethree Roy, renowned Bengeli film actives was brave enough to try her skills at quizzing!

Cricictor Arun Lai, siways a favourite with the crowd, is as comfortable with the microphone as he is with the het

Sportsworld editor, Maneur All Khan Pataudi honours Manoj Kotheri, amateur world billiarde champion now turned professional. Guizmaster Barry O'Brien is on the right



Just to add some fun to the serious business of quizzing a live round was introduced this year, where the questions were demonstrated live in front of the participants







(Lett) Source Ganguly was a big filt with the crowd. . (Below) Where there are celebrities there are autograph hunters. Tiger Pataudi and Debastree Roy are approached by a young ten



Another question from the live round. Some of our apaciel guests mixed a occitali called Badminton!



### MORE TO SEE

And lots to lose

ND what's the scene with the talented Kiran More. The man is clearly facing indifferent form and is now dogged by controversies. Even More must be wondering whether he's a hero or a villian if the events unfolding over the last two months and the results of the last two Tests (he's

played) is any indication.

The BCCI disciplinary committee has also clamped down on him.They asked him to curb his natural urge as a wicketkeeper by actually asking him to go easy on his appealing and encouraging of bowlers. His wicketkeeping talents have diminished too. because he makes comments like, "It is sad that people point out only the mistakes.



Kiran More: falling eyesight and falling form.Lethal combination

Why don't they praise us when we take brilliant catches. Why only on dropped catches."

Form apart, we have learnt—obviously from highly prized sources—of another serious malady which if true could sound More's death knell: Mr Kiran More apparently has failing eyesight! "Rubbish," he says. "This is the work of people who see Devil's everywhere."

Let's hope, for the sake of Indian cricket, that its true,. Good luck 'jockey'.



Kevin Keegan battered and bruised after the murderous attack on him

### STAYING ALIVE

And kicking

PHO's this guy, and what's he doing on this page? Well, this isn't exactly the way we should be featuring former footballer Kevin Keegan (covered in blood and all that) but that's just the way it is.

Former European footballer of the year, Keegan was 'lucky to be alive' after muggers battered him with a baseball bat. If at one time Keegan did have any regrets about leaving England to settle down in Spain, he could be forgiven for not wanting to return to his homeland ever again. Keegan 40, is now recovering from being beaten unconscious and mugged for £700, a credit card and a memento from the late Bill Shankly the former Liverpool manager.

Keegan was recovering after a long drive back to Britain from his Spanish home when two thugs smashed into his Range Rover. They threatened to kill him if he did not hand over cash. The attack left the former England captain dazed and covered in blood. Barely managing to talk through a cracked lip, Keegan said: 'I do not know what was happening but it appears I was part of a very vicious robbery. I was woken up by a baseball bat coming through the windscreen."

Then recovering his pride he added: 'I'd love to see him in this room because for me he was just a coward. I'll never forget his face as long as I live. 'I was lucky to be alive." After surviving a baseball attack? We can't help but echo his sentiments.



### **RE-BJORN?**

Time gentleman

**ERSONALLY** he may not be a pauper. But professionally he draws a total blank. And unlike so many of his llk who have decided to return to competition, Borg is certainly not going about it the proper

**Biorn Borg has** decided to charge his desperate fans, those who wanted to see him practise for his return to the international circult after eight long but eventful years.

The total fee one had to pay was \$10 (50 Francs) per day as the Ice-Man went through his daily two-hour routine on the courts. Was it Borg, or the organisers of the Monte Carlo Open who were cashing in on this development?

The tournament in retrospect was ideal for Borg and though it is not really a big one it drew 600 media applications Nevertheless, the 'Great One' lost his comeback match 6-2, 6-3, to Spain's Jordan Arrese. Maybe his fans would have been better off watching him practise.



For Borg, the fans still have to pay to see him play. Or does he need the money?



For Chrissie, her baby's a dream come true

### MAMA MIA!

Chrissie goes again

HRIS EVERT is sure going to be America's most glamorous mother. And by the look of things, she can't wait for the day. Coming back to the company Chrissie keeps. Who's the man she would ideally like to date? Simple, President George Bush. In fact, she's done it too, and is quite a regular at the White House.

When Chris found out she was pregnant, the first person to know was obviously hubbie Andy Mill. The second? President George Bush. The former tennis star had just flown in from Europe and visited her doctor the morning she was to have a breakfast meeting with the President to discuss his council on physical fitness.

"I'm really thrilled about this," said Evert about the pregnancy which is approaching its fourth month. "I've waited a long time for this," she cooed. The due date for the baby is October 2, and an amniocentisis test indicates that it is a boy. The name of the child will be Taylor Andrew. Chris has also confirmed that her husband Andy Mill wants the couple to have another child. "I want a girl with a ponytail and a two-handed backhand," he said.

Yeah, but can she win 157 career titles like

mummy did?

### freewheeling

HE Sportsworld-Roundtable sports quiz for the Dunlop Spectrawide Trophy was a resounding success. But there were stories—good, humourous and sadbehind the scenes that very few people were aware of.

Here are a few: On that humid final evening, when long distance swimmer Sanjivan Mondal, who was to be homoured, walked in, there was a sudden stab of guilt. Here we were, dressed in jeans and tshirts and sneakers (a pair of them costing the sum total of Mondal's income for 11/2 months) while he was wearing a green t-shirt, white trousers, and chappals on his feet. He had a wry, sad look on his face. He is a three-time winner of the longest swimming race in the world, a distance of 81 kms. He is a poor weaver who earns Rs.100 a week. He has a wife and two children. In times of dire stress, when there is no weaving to do, he is forced to sell his trophies, only to win them back the next year.

Since he came early, we placed him in the front row of the VIP section till somebody came up and said, 'Why is this man sitting here? This is where the VIP's are supposed to sit.' He looked astounded when we told him that Sanjivan Mondal was a VIP. Anyway, we had to ask him to sit at the back of the VIP section and once again, there was a rising sense of shame.

Later, in the course of the evening, we ked, 'Do you want anything to drink?' and he replied, 'Please, please, I

want something to eat.' And the way he said, 'eat', it sort of haunted us right through the whole evening. Eat!—something which we take for granted, is not so granted even for a fine swimmer like him.

And when he realised that whoever was honoured had to ask a question to the teams present, there was a panicky look in his eyes. Look' he said, gripping a colleague's shoulder, 'I will leave. I will not go up. I cannot ask a question. I will leave. I cannot do it.'

We assured him that he did not have to ask a question; we cajoled him; we pleaded with him; we said that there was nothing to worry. But still the panicky look remained on his face. Finally, a colleague who was on the stage had to be called and he held Mondal's hand and said, 'Please don't worry. You don't have to ask a question. Arun Lal will ask a question on your behalf.'

It was then that Sanjivan Mondal began to relax. Later, he went up and received a tumultuous round of applause. Incidentally, the State Govt. promised him a job. Three years have passed and so far, there has been a deafening silence.

People could get excited at a quiz also. When Debashree Roy, one of Bengal's well-known actresses walked in (all curves in a dazzling pink saree and a bright face shining with elaborate make-up), the person who escorted her waved his hands about, shouting, 'Please move

to the side. Please move to the side. Debashree Roy is coming.'

He made it seem like it was the Second Coming of Christ.

On the surface, it was glitz and glamour. Live rounds, famous sportspeople asking questions, video rounds, audio rounds, general questions. But underneath, there was a certain unstated frenzy.

'Is Shivaji Ganguly ready to break the tiles?'

'Has the horse come for the 'live' round?'

'You call this a horse? He seems to have come straight from the Museum.'

'Where is Gary?'

'Have you picked up Subrata Bhattacharya?'

'What about Manoj Kothari? Ask him whether he wants a drink or something?'

'Are the video clips

ready?

'Sorry to disturb you. But on your right, standing just three feet away from you is a beautiful woman. Why don't you give your eyes a break?'

Ha! Ha! There was laughter; there was tension; there were fights; there was frustration; there was so much of hard work. But in the end it was well worth it. A challenge had been met and there was a sense of satisfaction.

And late in the night, bright smiling faces reached for cold, cold glasses of beer and there was a wild call: 'Come on everyone! It's time for a freakout!'

So then, see you same time next year.

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### Sanjivan Mondal receiving his award from Tiger Pataudi



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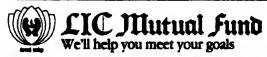
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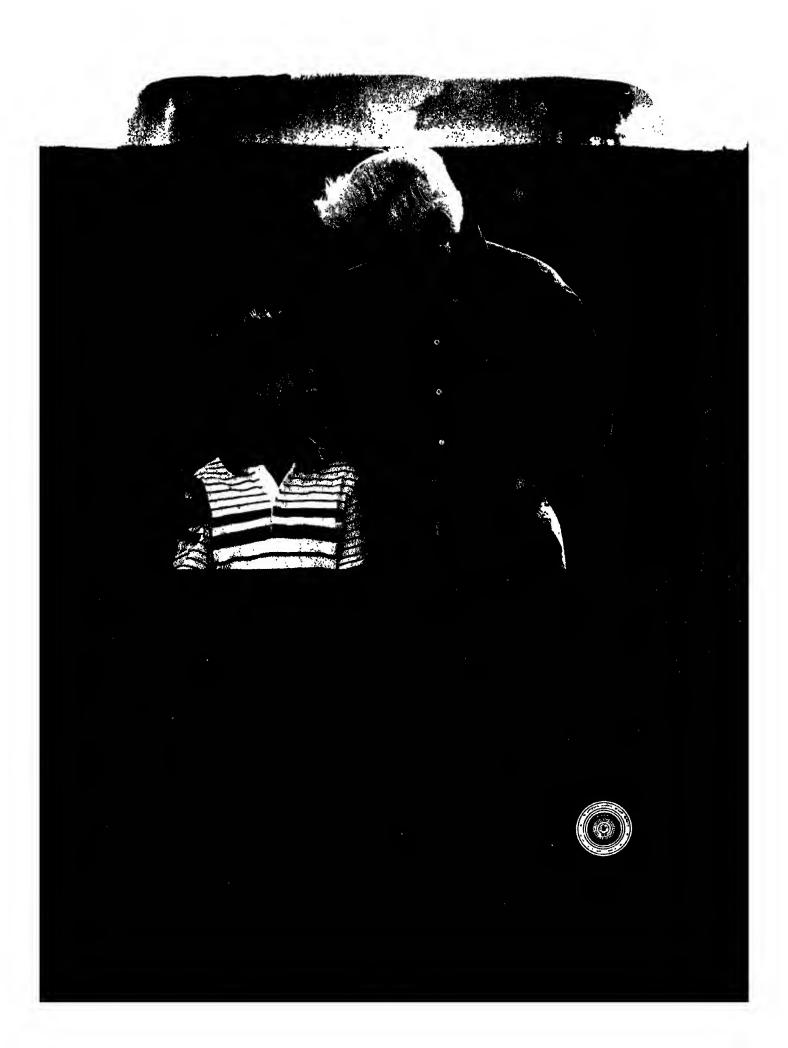
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ONTE CARLO.
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town. No wonder
prices—of everything—
are higher than most
other places in the world.

But the market value of curiosity for Bjorn Borg's comeback really went through the roof. Even by Monte Carlo standards.

It was reason why the crowd at Borg's final practise was bigger than the one on the centre court for the opening match of

the tournament: why the crowd of journalists was bigger than both, and why according to some, Borg's comeback six weeks short of his 35th birthday has already solved his much publicised and probably much-exaggerated financial problems.

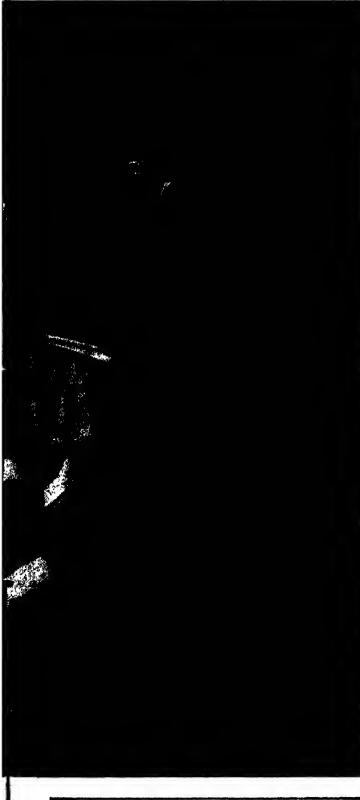
In spite of Borg keeping a low profile and not talking to the Press, it was the biggest publicity circus of the year. Borg

probably wished to avoid the zoo that is the Monte Carlo Country Club. And by the look in the eyes of the tigers, also known as Swedish photographers, in wait everyday from 8.30 am he was right to find somewhere less populous.

But now that he has stepped on court to resume his playing career, Borg will no longer be able to avoid the lenses of the world.

### **CURIOSITY**

THEN Borg did emerge into semipublic scrutiny at Monte Carlo, observers said there were a few more lines around the face. Practise matches showed there were a few cobwebs in his game too. After beginning with a 4-6, 4-6 defeat by fellow Swede Lars



Borg's play made all the rumours, innuendo and hype which accompanied his return as out of place as the red Soviet flag flying over Monte Carlo, the home of western capitalism, in honour of last year's champion Chesnokov

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Jonsson, he took sets off Boris Becker and Goran Ivanisevic in matches that finished one set-all when weather and end of practice time respectively intervened.

All those who had practised with him were surprised with his conditioning and concentration. The doubts however concerned his leg speed and whether he could produce the same whipped power, especially on that then-innovative dou.

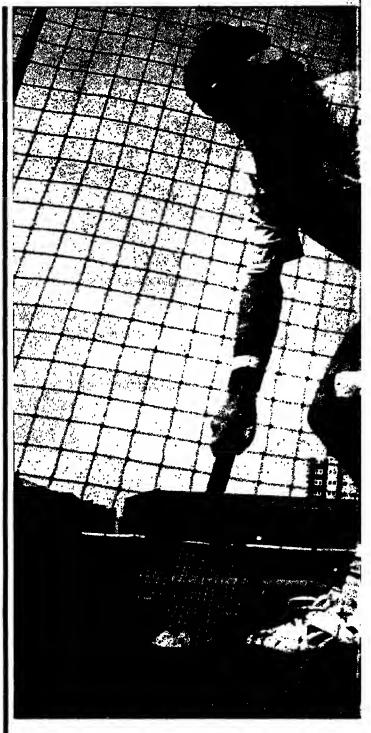
ble-fisted backhand he had ten years ago.

All this conjecture had added intrigue to the situation. Even the players had cast off their blinkers for a day or two. Many of them, so far reliant on their videos and locker-room folklore for evidence of Borg's prowess, crammed the players' gallery which was as full as the rest of the picturesque centre court, on the day he returned wearing his trademark headband and wielding an obsolete wooden racket.

Mats Wilander summed up the expectations before Borg went on to play Jordi Arresse, a moderate clay court player ranked 52. "The players are looking forward to seeing him." Wilander said. "They are curious to see if Borg is strong enough to win."

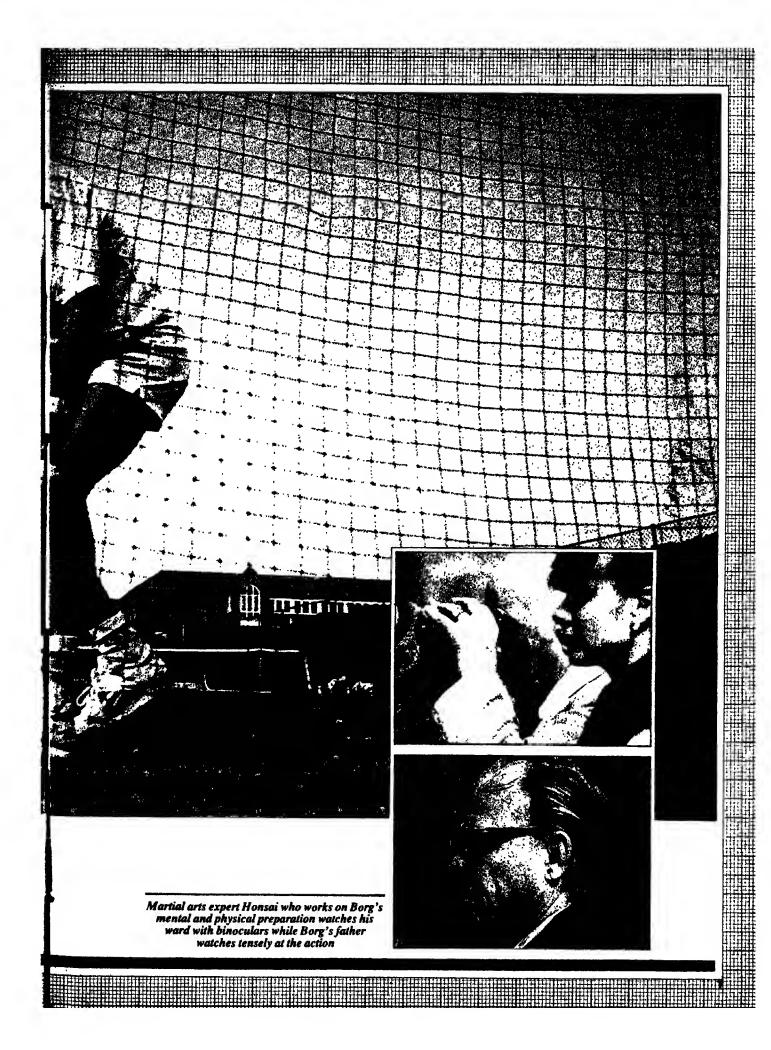
Curiosity had drawn Lennart Berglin, who guided Borg to five Wimbledon and six French titles, to Monte Carlo. And also, to a lesser extent, Ron Thatcher, the professor of martial arts who looked after Borg's physical and mental health during his prime. The pair sat several rows apart at the back while Borg played, not for the first time their views differing widely.

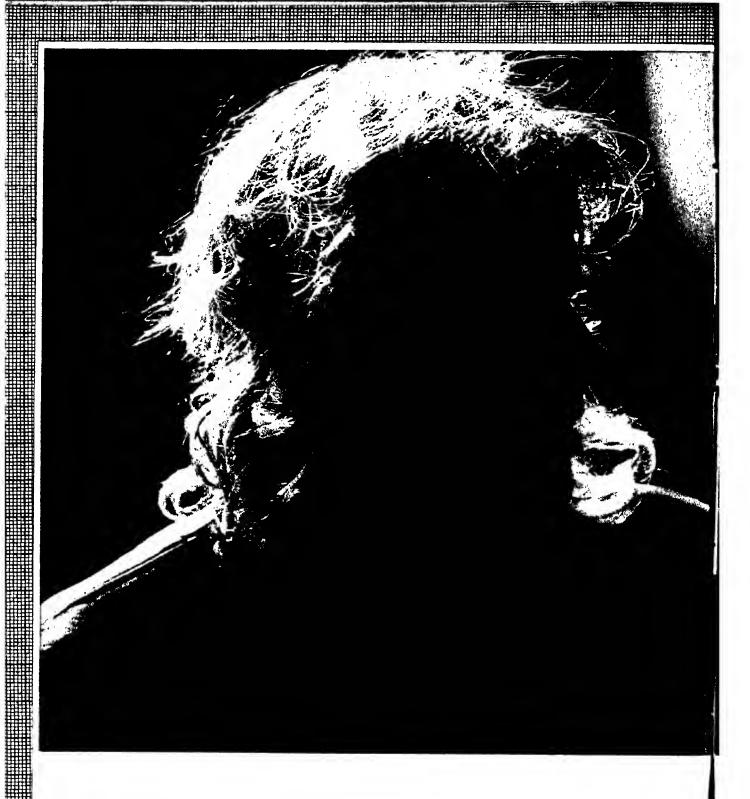
"It is sad," Bergelin said. "He should be



helping the youngsters rather than playing against them. I still see him and think of him as a champion."

Thatcher, who also replies to his martial arts name of Tia Honsai, says he was contacted by Borg for the first time in eight years late last year. "He wanted to know if I would train him and I wanted to





Observers say there are a few more lines around the face

Inset: His wife attempted suicide saying his comeback was wrecking their marriage

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said. "He has the body tissue of a man of 24 and his heart rate is very very low. He is equally as fit as when he won Wimbledon. He really wants to play and though

> he will lose some matches, I believe he can prove he can come back."

### ORDINARY TENNIS PLAYER?

BUT every indication from the rustiness of Borg's game to the obsolence of his wooden racket, suggest otherwise. "It depends why he is doing it," Said Wilander. "Whether he just wants to play whether he needs the crowd. whether he

needs the money. I think it's great he's doing it. I just hope he does not destroy his name completely."

Before the match Wilander had predicted, "If I have to bet for my life, I would put my money on Arresse because he's had match practice." For a man making another of his mini-comebacks after a month on tour with his rock band, Wilander knew what he was talking about.

Wilander went on to admit that Borg is still mentally strong. But even the toughest minds can play tricks. Borg protested long and hard at the press conference after the 78 minute 2-6, 3-6, defeat that he needed more matches to improve. But the verdict from all those who remembered his great days, and from many who did not, was that Borg has played one tennis match too many.

It was not that he lost to Arresse in the first round, but that there was not even a glimpse of a souvenir to take back home. A backhand pass greeted the Spaniard's



know whether he really wanted to do it," he said.

Aged 79, he watches Borg through binoculars and claimed to have summoned all his martial arts training to test Borg's determination. "He was 100 per cent when I first saw him," Thatcher



first foray to the net. The rest was much what you might have expected—and many feared—from a 35-year-old who had not played a competitive match for seven years. It made all the rumours, innuendo and hype which accompanied Borg's return seem as out of place as the red Soviet flag flying over Monte Carlo,

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the home of western capitalism, in honour of last year's champion Andre Chesnokov.

Thatcher had described Borg as 'an ordinary bloke' just before the match. "Now the Swede is a very ordinary tennis player too," Bergelin countered. "My heart hurt for him today. He just seemed too scared to hit the ball."

### **BEATING AN IDOL**

OR Jordi Arresse, too, there was pain. As an 11-year-old, he had watched Borg almost single-handedly defeat Jose Higueras and Manuel Orantes and Spain in the Davis Cup. "He was my idol," said Arresse. "The moment when I walked onto court was very moving. Playing Borg will stay in my heart forever." Beating his idol was just a bonus.

But according to one journalist unimpressed by Borg's comeback, "while Arresse gloated, everyone else was praying for the onset of selective amnesia." Slowly but surely, the hopes of the 7000 who crowded on the centre court and whose cheers had touched the clifttops at the sight of the familiar rolling walk, were suffocated by a blanket of reality.

Cheers—either of relief or encouragment, it was hard to tell—greeted the landmarks; his first point two minutes

into the game, his first game after six, his first break of service in the seventh. Each masked the truth that Arresse, without having to play particularly well, was comfortably in control, unaffected by the nerves which some thought would be Borg's main weapon.

"It was bad for him that he played someone like me," the Spaniard symBorg protested long and hard at the press conference that he needed more matches to improve....But it was not that he lost, but that there was not even a glimpse of a souvenir

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pathised. "I did not make many mistakes. He would have been better off playing a serve and volleyer who made more mistakes."

### "GIVE ME TIME"

BORG ended his first tournament with one computer point, 2,960 dollars the reward for all first round losers—a ranking of one thousand and something and probably a much clearer understand-

ing of the passage of time Borg remains unrepentant about his decision to return and intends to carry on. "Hopefully when I play Rome, Paris and Wimbledon I can stay longer in the tournaments and get match practise that way." he claimed "Do not judge me on onc performance " That plea, a reasonable enough request, ran like a frayed thread through the post-match conference at Monte Carlo.

"I intend to carry on. I think if everything works hundred percent, I will move and play as well as I did before." Many feel those are words of a man who

has lost touch with reality.

But Borg sounds more optimistic "the outcome did not suprise me. Everybody's expectations were higher than mine My expectations weren't too high to do well here (Monte Carlo), though I hoped I would. But after not playing for so many years it is very difficult to go straight into a match and produce good tennis. I felt I wasn't consistent enough. Because of my lack of match play, I had problems knowing what to do with the ball—even where to put the short ones."

"I need matches. It's going to take a few tournaments to feel 100 per cent comfortable again, by then my game will improve, I'm pretty confident about that As long as I enjoy playing," he declared defiantly, "I'll play. I really do enjoy it"

But when asked what he was aiming for; to be No. 1, the top 20, the top 50, the top 200? he declined to be drawn. "I know what kind of tennis I want to play and then when I do, we will see what kind of level it is."



Did Borg not think that he needs a coach? "With the experience I've had in the past, I know exactly what to do off the court I can handle myself." But can he?

The game has changed beyond all recognition, yet he plays, looks and talks, as though absolutely nothing has altered. That is perhaps the saddest aspect. Ilie Nastase made one of his usual cryptic comments after hearing Borg speak. "As long as he forgets who he was, he has a chance." And then added, "I'll see how he does and then maybe I might come back

Walking on for a practise session with Becker myself... but not if I have to give up wine and women." Typical Nastase!

Yet, much about Borg fuelled expectations and ecouraged reminiscence. The figure still trim after nine months of hard practise, the hair still in need of a trim, the headband, the long sweep of the backhand which starts two-handed and ends onehanded, the easy serve action, the wooden racket loosely held. Unfortunately the pace and power of his shots has escaped the time wrap

### THE TIME WARP

ORG has shun-ned interviews, even requesting a payment from fans wishing to watch him tune up. But in the few interviews he has granted he has insisted that he is not in it for the money. "Money has nothing to do with it," Borg told a French television station which managed to grab him in Monte Carlo.

"A lot of sponsors have contacted me in the last eight months," he said. "I have received offers from all over the world almost every week, but I always said that we have to wait and see what happens. The first thing is to play tenns well.

"I just want to play again and play

### No wine, women and parties for Borg

Since Bjorn Borg announced his plans to come back, so much has been written about his personal life that it would be hard to add anything new. But together with his comeback, a new story in the life of Borg unfolded. In Milan his wife, Italian singer Lorendana Berte attempted suicide a few days after Borg's eomeback match against Jorde Arresse.

While Borg packed his bags in Monte Carlo, his wife was in intensive care after trying to kill herself with an overdose of sleeping pills. She was 40 minutes from death when she was found by firemen who broke into her apartment at dawn to discover the singer sprawled on the bed, semi-conscious and groaning: "I am tired of this life, so many disappointments. God has said he will forgive me".

She had crayoned on her mirror in large black letters: 'Oh God, how I hate it. God, what a world we are in.' A note found at her bedside read: 'I. Lorendana Berte Borg, entrust my soul to God and his infinite goodness.'

There has recently been speculation about their two-year marriage and last week Lordana was reported as saying "We simply hate each other. It would be better if we went our separate ways. Our relationship for the moment is nothing but hate and loneliness." Blaming Borg's eomeback efforts for the situation she continued: "We speak only on the phone and between one receiver and the other you can't make children."

The Swedish tennis star and his wife, have not been seen together for more than seven weeks. And the official reason given is that a separation was ordered by Borg's guru Ron Thatcher so that the player could devote all his concentration to his tennis.



Having slipped back into a monastic lifestyle in order to get back on top again, Borg spent most of this year alone in London. So engrossed has he been in the self-imposed fitness regimen which he felt was necessary to get him in form for the cut-throat world of international tennis. Alcohol and parties are out in the drive for success.

But this hunt for success has frustrated the current Mrs. Borg. "I'm; fed up. I have neglected my singing



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career to be near him and to be a mother to his son (now aged five)-but I've always been judged to be a bad mother. In Sweden they say I have completely ruined my husband. They have threatened me and have despatched me into an exile."

Much of her anger has been directed against Thatcher. But if Borg is indeed successful over the next few months, all credit should be given to this old man who has been overseeing the comeback.

Training under the watchful eyes of martial arts guru Thatcher

well. Simply to know that it is possible to come back," he added. "I may look a little bit older, but I feel exactly the same, physically and mentally, as I did 10 years ago.

His former coach Bergelin is confused about Borg's motives and hopes that he

does end not up being humiliated So do some of the stars he will have to compete against to reach the higher echleons of the game in 1991.



Ivan Lendl says: "Borg is a very nice man and I wish him all the luck in the world, but I would be very surprised if he can break into the top levels. He may be able to play the occasional really competitive match, but not on a consistent level. The game has improved each year he's been away. That in effect means he is 16 years, not eight years behind. No human being can overcome that."

But Borg says he has the discipline, temperament and fitness to do more than just survive in the competitive jungle of professional tennis. He already has Wimbledon in his sights.

If Borg is successful in his comeback, he may indeed do the sport a service by encouraging a return to the slower, more stylish game now practised by so few. among them John McEnroe

McEnroe has shown though, that success is more difficult the second time around, and he was away for much less time. The fear is that, like McEnroe. Borg too will at times merely look ordinary. "The guy was once the most perfect athlete in tennis. Now he is a normal player," believes Ion Tiriac.

It may not have occurred to Borg, but there is a way he can transcend the normality and virtually secure another Wimbledon title or indeed a coveted US Open, in which he was four times losing finalist. On June 6 he will be 35 and eligible for veterans events. But that would also be second best for Borg, a prospect that never appealed to him in the past.

In announcing his retirement, ironically in Monte Carlo itself, eight years ago, he said that he was looking forward to sleeping in the knowledge that he didn't have to get up the next morning and practise for five hours. May be the next two months will prove to Borg that rust never sleeps. Or does it?

Pameia Smith, Monte Carlo

If only more things in life were Spectrawide.



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N unbeaten run of 500 matches till November 1986. The recovery of both the World Open title as well as the No. 1 ranking from a younger and fitter rival in 1988. Six world titles. And the

stroke." he also admitted that the words of his father Roshan haunted him, and forced him to concentrate on his game once more. Roshan had said, "A unfit player can be beaten in the first round." This had been the ominous warning.

for Jahangir and he had taken heed of his father's well meant advice

But his return to the eircuit did not get the welcome that anyone of his standing would expect. The Australians seemed to be irritated at

foul play. Unfortunately Jahangir Khan was right in the middle of it.

Some observers have also noticed that, of late, the crackle of high tension electrifying brand of squash played by Jahangir seems to be more between him and

# CONQUERER OF THE WORLD

Winning the British Open title a historic ten times in succession has proved that Jahangir Khan is back with a vengeance

winner of nine British Open titles These are the credentials of a champion, Jahangir Khan

Yet it is hard to believe that the same man was all set to retire five months ago, complaining of a 'sudden draining of energy'. He had anxiously consulted top doctors. In London and U.S., the advice had been the same, 'take a break', proving that even legends are only human After a break of five long months during which Jahangir Khan says, "I have been training hard and paying particular attention to my ground



Jahangir needed someone to talk to, someone to play for, someone to appreciate what he had achieved, and he seems to have found it in the woman he married his presence on court, and players who once feared the very sight of Jahangir started accusing him of foul play and reached boiling point at the Welsh Classic with everyone accusing each other of Jahangir Khan with his newly wedded wife Seemi Jawald

the referee than his opponent on court.

But this appears to be the only sour note for Jahangir this year. His



fortunes both as a player, as well as a businessman, took a dramatic about turn for the better after his marriage to Seemi. daughter of Pakistani squash legend Aftab Jawaid Jahangir returned a changed man. More confident and sure of what he was doing when he announced to the press. "I'll no longer be lonely on the circuit as I'll be able to bring my wife to the tournaments. She'll be a source of inspiration to me." Who knows maybe like Geoff Hunt and Jonah Barrington he could be a better player after

Seemi has been that source of inspiration that Jahangir was looking for after his break up with Rahmat Khan He needed someone to talk to. someone to play for. someone to appreciate what he had achieved, and he seems to have found it in the woman he

Then Jahangir was elected unopposed as chairman of the International Squash Player's Association (ISPA). For the first time since 1970 a Pakistani has made the ISPA board, his election coming as an added advantage for his countrymen playing on the circuit because now they have a voice on the board. But Jahangir

At the British Open, Jahangir had little to prove, a lot to lose, and a hard struggle against both his waistline and the strongest opposition in depth in the history of the game

shrugs this idea off and says that it was only natural that he got involved in the other facets of the game

For the last 12 years Jahangii carried an Unsquashable racket from the range he launched in partnership with Rahm at Khan his cousin former coach and mentor Now having split up with Rahmat and sold his share of Unsquashable he has signed a multimillion dollar lacket endorsement contract with the American US Tech company According to

That tired and haggard look is no longer a part of Jahangir's image

strongest opposition in depth in the history of the game But he proved the a mehan critics wrong me again and shed 20 lbs of excess baggage around his waist. He confused and confounded his opponents on his way to the fit al from the other side of the draw came the world champion Jansher Khan His recent defeat at the French Open by Jahangii Khan iankled The two Pakistailis meeting at Wen blev

Jahangir admitted that the words of his father, Roshan haunted him and forced him to concentrate on his game once more



the contract he is using the new L stusa Stealth racket and his terms could yield more than \$1 million a year for the next three years

NEITHI R the past not the present seemed to bother him as he went in for the British Open—his filedom for nine long years. Could it be for the tenth? The only question was whether he could hold on to his kingdom or lose it to some upstart?

For one thing
Jahangir may still be only 27 but one has to it member that he has had the best part of 12 years of full time grind on the circuit. He had little to prove a lot to lose and a hard struggle against both his waistline and the

Jansher Khan made the unfortunate mistake of challenging Jahangir on his own turf

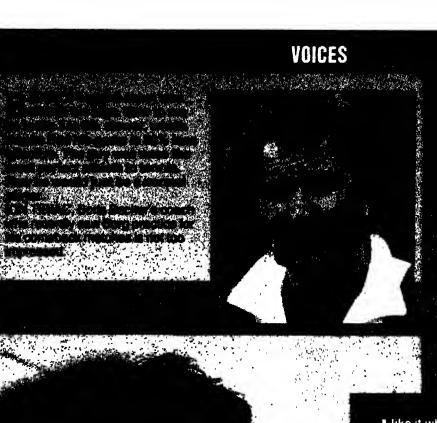


could be dubbed as the match of the year because both the finalists had a lot of critics to silence

In 94 minutes history was made Jahangii Khan was the champion of champions After the match he said I was just playing this year to become the Player of the Century If somebody wins it next year he will not be able to break the record this century And shooting a few barbs at his critics he added I like it when people say he should be retiring that he s not playing well and that he won t win this year that gives me the motivation to go out and doit

Come to think of it Jahangir in Urdu, means conquerer of the world need one say more?

**Avik Lee** 



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Written off for quite some time, JAHANGIR KHAN came back to win the British Open squash champioriship for the 10th record

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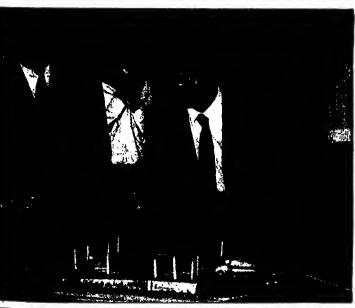


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....and ready to take on the world. A brand-new set of wheels, a five figure salaried job, and Sachin Tendulkar looks ready to face the world. One thing is certain this kid is sure gonna go places..

OR 18 long years, he waited impatiently for the 24th of April, 1991. That was the day when Sachin Tendulkar finally became a major. Already well into the limelight as a minor, he knew perfectly well what fame and popularity meant. So, on the 24th, when he had to sign along the dotted line for the job of a Public Relations officer at the Sun Grace Mafatlal group, he did the job with so much panache that all present were impressed with the maturity that he exuded.

Providing the icing on the cake was a five-figure salary, reportedly the highest starting salary ever paid to an Indian cricketer. After the cake was cut at the residence of Mr. Yogendra Mafatlal, Chairman of the group, he had to head directly to the stadium where Bombay was taking on Hyderabad in the Ranji Trophy.

A hundred on that day would have been the perfect present that Sachin could have given himself—and his side. But with Bombay refusing to juggle their batting order, poor Sachin had to sit for around five hours in the dressing room all padded up and nowhere to go. He was however kept busy all along by his well-wishers who were just showering gifts on him. The mediamen present gave him a two-kilo chocolate

(Clockwise from top)
Sandeep Patil and Atulya
Matatlal applaud as
Suresh Trivedi feeds
birthday boy Sachin a
piece of the cake

Look up and say 'cheese'. Sachin obliges as he cuts the cake on which is inscribed 'Welcome to Sun Grace Mafatla!'

Sachin Tendulkar gets his letter of appointment from the vice-chairman of the Sun Grace Sports club, Mr. Atulya Mafatlal

Not to be left behind, his fans also get into the act.
The poster says it all

cake, that was
distributed to all present
in the Press box. His
teammates gave him a
silver bat, his coach
Kamat a silver
medallion, and his
parents presented him
with a golden bracelet.

It was a tiring, yet satisfying, day for the batting stalwart of Indian cricket who was just basking in the adulation that was showered on him by one and all. Now finally the champagne bottle could be popped open..

Text and photographs P.V.J. K



## A VOTE FOR SPORT

he course of events these
past few weeks have not
been normal, journalists
have been telling their
readers—as if they needed
to be told Clearly, during
the quick and stormy buildup to
the tenth Lok Sabha elections,
politics for better or worse has
suddenly reached such a
flashpoint that it spilled over its
limited sphere of interest to give a
clarion call to people who
normally would never have fallen
for its dangerous charm

Perhaps, a new element of acrimony has now entered Indian politics, perhaps, some whole new issues have now begun to sprout helping politics quickly broaden its emotional base, and touch a responsive cliord in totally unexpected quarters where it could make little invoads before

Whether that new found enthusiasm has resulted from acrimony, or concern or intolerance or prejudice or even hatred, triggered off by extremely sensitive issues is debatable, whether it is good or bad a matter of opinion What is evident is that a new passion has broken loose, maybe goaded by a growing sense of distress and disillusionment, and cut across the different strata of the society, of vocations, and identities-ranging from the movie world to art, to civil service and most importantly to sport

This passion so far is innocent, genuine The feelings behind it, raw But from the looks of it, the new trend is surely not contaminated by the age-old, familiar motive that propels politics—corrupted, perverse, greedy self interest Profiteering As yet

Monohar Aich has all his life been a victim of politics. Politics that was far too distant for him to grasp, and yet devastating enough to ruin his modest, simple life in former East Pakistan

"When dusk falls, the sky

Tiger Pataudi: matter of principle (inset) Monohar Alch campaigning for BJP; visions of horror



explodes in a riot of crimson red everyone enjoys the beauty of the setting sun. To me it brings back visions of horror 'says Monchar Aich "That was exactly how the sky looked when my village was set on fire and I fled home and became a refugee'

Aich fled home with his life and family passed through cremendous hardships in penniless misory and yet impeccably rebuilt his body temple. Even the holocaust of the Partition could not take away his dreams. Dreams that still exists in an unbelievable reality all over his diminutive, four feet ten inch body, at 78 still rippling in its sleek, electric glory.

But with the dream, the ain too persists. The pain of being uprooted from his mether land from home, from the green peaceful village where he once lived. The pain of being betrayed, condemned by a kind of politics that he could not quite comprehend. And 45 years later, now, Monohar Aich claims that he sees the same scenario of politics in operation. The scenario that partitioned his country.

"I don't want to be a refugee

#### Chetan Chauhan: proud of being a Hindu

agam ' he says, "I don't either want to seen anyone being a refrigee again This country was broken by religious separatism, and today 45 years after independence some parts of this country are threatened by religious separatists Anyone who wants to break this country just because he belongs to a certain religion or religious community is an enemy of the nation We should all rally against this and stand united under one definite national identity Nothing but patriotism and the spectre of a broken nation has drawn me to politics I am 78, and I am not immortal but before I die I must repay my debt to my country

But the hurt the bruise that Monohar Aich has borne all these years runs deeper than just his nationalist feelings. His hardwork, his dedication—had brought him the rare honour of a Mr. Universe title iii London, but sadly little recognition at home, from those who had the power to make his dream come true.

Aich liad this long-standing

ambition of launching a national gymnasium where he could have nurtured this nation's blossoming youth and its enormous potential in body building.

It never came true, mainly due to the apathy he received from the governments that succeeded one another in power since Independence.

"The only leader who had sympathy towards my project was Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, West Bengal's chief minister and a legend in his lifetime. He had even given the green signal for a national gymnasium project under government sponsorhsip. But, unfortunately, he died untimely and Bengal did not have a true leader ever since. And this country's youth was denied a golden opportunity to have a modern national class gymnasium." says Monohar Aich.

Monohar Aich's faith in the political system, provided by all the traditional parties, continued to decline ever since, and now at 78, Monohar Aich describes his candidature for the Parliament seat of Dum Dum for Bharatiya Janata Party as a 'revolt against the hypocrisy and the evil that all the ruling parties and alliances have given this country for so long'

"Now we need a party that is honest, in its belief, in its views on all national issues and ambitions, and calls a spade a spade whether you vote for it or not," explains Monohar Aich. "We also need a party that is cadre-based and extremely disciplined,' Aich the Septugenarian continues, "It is only a party like this which can fulfill my dream, I'm sure. I never thought I would be a fully fledged politician.

aju Mukherjee, former Bengal and East Zone cricket captain carried a scar deep down in his heart ever since that shameful day in Srinagar, where helpless Indian cricketers, and shocked Caribbeans saw the Indian tricolour burn on Indian soil at the hands of Indian spectators. That fateful day

a keen student of politics, took a silent vow: "If I ever get a chance I'll fight against these enemies of the nation. I will fight for united India where there would be no room for an enemy within... where no one insults the national tricolour."

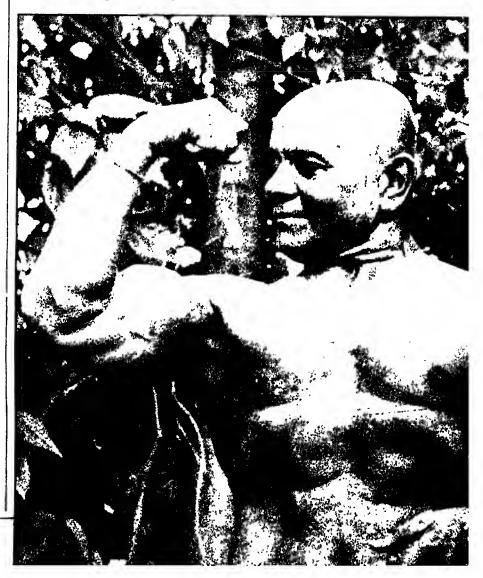
Mukherjee renewed his pledge in his debut speech recently as a politician in clear crisp words, without any ambiguity that one feared might creep into his straight-from-the-heart talk.

Raju Mukherjee is an extremely amiable, soft-spoken suave gentleman. Sometimes almost to the point of irritation, especially to those who think aggressiveness, even arrogance, is a spectacular modern feature of character. Even there are many who think it was his non-macho gentleness that blunted his killer instinct costing him a brighter

cricketing future.

Raju Mukherjee shocked them all by joining politics, and making his debut as a speaker with unwavered conviction. Those who disagree with him, may even hate him now; no one perhaps can accuse him of any pretensions.

"For a guy like me, with my kind of family background, it has been an extremely difficult decision to join politics,' confessed Raju, explaining "but the sense of distress, and hurt and, let me be honest even anger, that had been simmering in me for a long time could no longer be suppressed. I love my country, my heritage, my culture. my traditions, and above all my true identity. I don't mind if a foreigner does not have any respect for these. I can ignore him. But I do feel hurt when a fellow Indian who shares the same



heritage and culture, ridicules me and my identity and wants to give me a farther truncated country, for mindlessly communal reason. I thought it would be a kind of hypocrisy if I feel so strongly about it and remain passive'.

And this shocking story of 'hurt nationalistic pride' repeats itself once again when Test opener Chetan Chauhan, unlike his slow, measured and welljudged batting style, shoots straight from the hip: "If being proud of being one's own true identity is a crime, then I'm a criminal. When a Muslim says he is proud of being Muslim, he is revered, respected, when a Hindu says he's proud of being a Hindu, he is called 'communal. If this has been our reward for embracing secularism, I reject secularism.',

And yet, believe it or not, amid this din and claniour for bruised



"When dusk falls, the sky explodes in a riot of crimson red, everyone enjoys the beauty of the setting sun. To me, it brings back visions of horror. That was exactly how the sky looked when my village was burnt and I fled home and became a refugee"—Monohar Aich

national pride, there are some people who have come out of their shell, and plunged headlong into politics, just for their commitment to their faith, their principles, their ideologies.

Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, despite his evergreen charisma, knows and admits that he is not quite cut out for the hustle and bustle of electoral politics. He loves his unhurried life, his friends, his family, his cricket and his country.

Today he too is in the fray in the most bitterly fought elections in India's history

For him it is a matter of deep concern for the basic principles on which this nation was established in 1947 that prompted him to take to politics.

Tiger Pataudi, however, made his debut years ago, when he contested and lost for Vishal Haryana Party. And that time too it was a matter of principle. And justice. For Tiger Pataudi did not see a shred of fair play, in Mrs. Gandhi's abrupt abolition of the privy purse. For all practical purposes, he knew he would lose. But he wanted to make his point; his voice heard. He did.

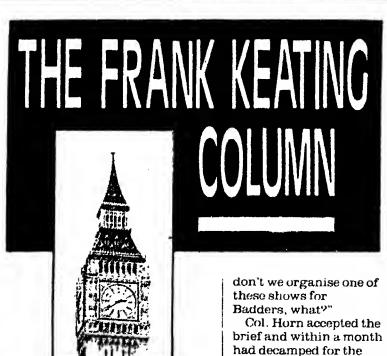
And now once again he jumps into the deep end, contesting the elections for Congress in Bhopal, a BJP stronghold, in a way to symbolise the principles that he always stood for

Recently when asked if as a Mushm he was worried at the prospect of that party coming to power, Tiger Pataudi said. Not only minorities, but all sensible people, who do not think that religion should be the end all and be all of politics, will certainly be apprehensive

Maybe, amid this sudden cricketing invasion of politics. someone is having a hearty taugh. far away from the mindless din "One should not take up something one is not good at 1 m not sure if I would be good at politics Idon t think I would Ana therefore I should not join politics. the immitable Sumi Gavaskar told this writer four years ago in Bangalore where rumours were rife that his ensuing retirement would push him towards politics. And many still reading agree that if any cricketer ever really had the making of a politician, it was him

Sunil Gavaskar still sticks to his belief, while many of his contemporaries and elders are now being drawn almost inexorably into the black hole of politics. Maybe, the days that are coming will soon prove how correct the little master is For in the final analysis, sports are for sport, politics for politicians The twain shall never meet-unless this sporting adventure in the realm of politics brings about a better deal tor Indian sport. If that is a probability then let us raily round a common cause and cast a vote for sport.

Suprakash Ghoshai



THE BADMINTON TRIALS

ridge above the Severn estuary.

Horn was badminton's first director of operations. His first "office" was the piano top in the music room of the grand house. The postmistress at the village shop typed up the entry forms for the first competitors. Horn spent that autumn and all winter pedalling round the estate's parkland and ploughed fields with a mileometer on his bicycle to mark out the cross-country course.

The first badminton was held the week after Easter, 1949—and in no time it had become as much as a proper noun in sport as the name of the worldwide game with.

## Where Horses

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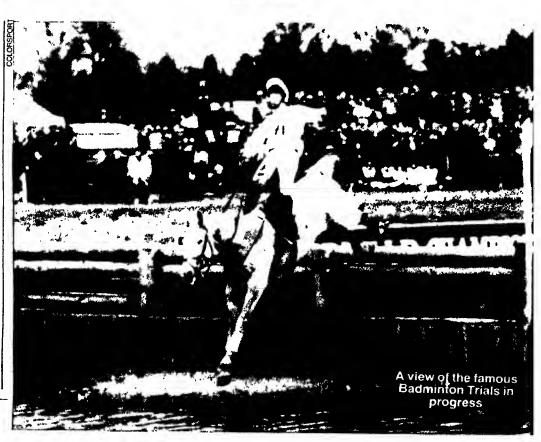
badminton, high on the

rim of the first Cotswold

ORTY-three
summers ago, the
late Duke of
Beaufort had a
picnic with a wartime
pal of his on a rug on a
hillock at Sandhurst.
They were watching the
equine cross-country
event at the 1948
Olympic Games.

"A touch more cheese, Master," enquired Col.
Trevor Horn of His
Grace, "or another
grape?" But the duke
ignored his friend. He
was distracted as, one by
one, the horses and their
riders cantered past,
both sets of nostrils
flaring.

His Grace was hatching an awfully good wheeze. "Tell you what, Horn", he sug gested," why





## Scare The Wits Of Riders

shuttlecocks-itself "invented" one rainv afternoon in the late 1860s by two great-great aunts of the present duke in the entrance hall of Badminton House, Their leave over, the two military wives took their invention back to India, whence it spread like wildfire around the bored British Raj.

Not that Col. Horn is given the full credit, with the late duke, for nurturing the modern badminton. When the present duke was asked by his ageing uncle to

Horses have always been aware of their limits since time immemorial. 'Humans can Improve' said Col. Trevor Horn, 'look at Olympic Games' running times—but however more finely they are tuned and trained, horses today don't run any quicker than they did on the first Derby

administration in 1967. he insisted on Col. Frank Weldon being in charge, particularly in building the course for the showpiece day, the cross-country. Weldon is now seen as

the "father" of badminton - - and, indeed for the whole sport which is now truly global where, hitherto, it was an insular pastime for French cavalry officers.

Col. Frank's course-building dictum was "to frighten the wits out of the riders while never scaring the horses."

Horses, he told me during his last "Badders" two years ago, have always been aware of their limits since time immemorial. "Humans can improve—look at Olympic Games' running times—but

however more finely they are tuned and trained, horses today don't run any quicker than they did on the very first Derby Day, or even at the Battle of Agincourt.'

"So at badminton the philosophy is to know exactly what the horses are capable of-which we do--and then dare the riders to go there with them. That's why it frightens the jockeys, but never the nags".

Thus, for the 44th time, the famous annual human "dare" is upon us again.

#### **CASTRO'S DREAM**

VER seen a kid's eyes pop out in excitement when he gets something he wants for Christmas? And have you ever seen a grown up do the same? Well if you haven t ther you should have been around when Fidel Castro saw the gift given to him by the Americans on a visit to Cuba —a multispeed trail bike

His eyes popped out when the American super bike was presented to him by the members of the United States Olympic Committee on a visit to discuss the forthcoming Pan American Games in Havana

The gift was in keeping with the susterity measures adopted by Cuba because of the petrol crisis after the Gulf War. They have even started importing cycles from China to meet the growing demand of the country.

When they wherled out the bike (astro's eyes got as big as my kid a on Christmas morning said one official And Castro 1 ever short of humour quipped I will bave to lose 50 to 60 pounds before I can ride it!

#### TRAFFIC STOPPERS

THE traffic police in Calculta are famous for creating confusion and traffic jams. But what do you say to their cousins in Trinidad who stopped a cricket match to perform their duties?

Phil Simmons issued a parking ticket!

# SPORTING TO SPORTI



A club match featuring
Test cricketers Tony
Gray and Phil Simmons
was called off when the
traffic police of Trinidad
issued parking tickets to
the umpires and
players The
reason they had
parked their cars in a no
parking zone!

#### A RIP OFF

LANNING to go for the Summer Olympics in Barcelona next year? Well you are advised to carry along a string of credit cards and check your bank balance beforehand because the Catalan hoteliers are reported to be charging \$500 a night for five-star luxury and even a three-star stay could cost as much as \$220 This is more than twice the rate of a room during the Seoul (1988) or Los Angeles (1984) Olympics Juan Antonio Samaranch president of the International Olympic Committee says that the hoteliers should think again "The prices are too high," he warned Atlanta officials however, have promised 'affordable prices at the 1996 Olympics

#### **CHARITY, NO WAY**

BERNARD TAPIE, the flamboyant owner of Olympique Marseille, has taken his fair share of criticism this season, but now he has shown that he also has a heart For Mai seille's next away game against Rennes he has offered to give his share of the receipts of the game to

the home team. His gesture was in return for Rennes' willingness to move the game 24 hours forward to allow the Marseille players more time to prepare for the crucial Champions

> PEARL SURANCE

**Linford Christie** 

has finally been cleared of the cloud

of suspicion of

having taken drugs



Cup semi final second leg match against Moscow Spartak. Well, all we said was that he had a heart. What we forgot to mention was that he is no Mother Teresa as far a charity is concerned.

#### **AN EXPENSIVE HOAX**

HEN is a hoax not a hoax? Soccer fans were stunned when an announcer broke into an Italian League game commentary to say Pope John Paul II has been critically wounded in an assassination attempt. Moments later, the same game was interrupted again with a report stating that the terrorist has been arrested. The

Pope John Paul II is all right contrary to reports of another assassination attempt

two errors, heard only in northern Italy, were tapes of the 1981 news highlights and got on the air by mistake. The Pope was, of course, perfectly well and fortunately it was no April Fool prank.

#### SLEEP IN PEACE

INFORD CHRISTIE
Ithe silver medallist in
the 100m at the Seoul
Olympics can finally
sleep in peace. Amidst
the hue and cry of Ben
Johnson testing positive
in the drug test a small
tendril of doubt lingered

regarding Linford
Christie. Traces of
Ginseng tea found in his
urine sample had put
the authorities in a
quandary. They didn't
know what to do and a
decision has finally been
taken. The Ginseng tea
which had put Christie
under a cloud of
suspicion has officially
been cleared as drug
free.

To avoid further embarrassment the authorities are also planning to carry out blood tests on athletes to catch drugs not detected in the urine samples.

Now at least Christie can head for his bed secure in the knowledge that his silver medal is finally his!

# BENGAL VS HARYANA KAPIL MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

#### By RAJU MUKHERJEE

ARYANA sauntered into the final of the Ranji Trophy championship by elbowing out reigning champions
Bengal by a very convincing first-innings lead of 165 runs
This was Haryana's second entry into the ultimate round of the premier national championship.

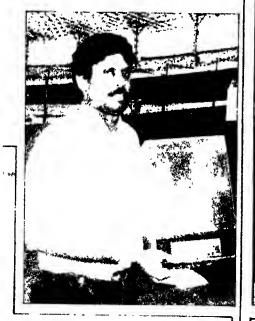
If it was visualised in certain corridors that the Haryana team, full of callow youth, would be no match for the seasoned campaigners of Bengal, especially in the unfamiliar surroundings of the Eden Gardens, skipper Kapil Dev had other ideas.

It is not often that Kapil Dev stays in India during the domestic cricket season and so his presence in the Haryana team is all too rare. But then, when he is around he makes it a point to prove that

Haryana made their second entry into a Ranji final and a young fan congratulates man-of-the-match Kapil



What manner of man is this? Kapii Dev gives tips to the Bengal bowlers. This is greatness









Skipper Pronob Roy's decision to bat second after winning the toss came in for some criticism. Actually that was not the main reason for Bengal's defeat. The prime reason could be that psychologically the Bengal players were not upto to it against Kapil Dev



his side would haunt the best of opposition.

In the unfamiliar atmosphere of the Eden Gardens, the Haryana youngsters rose to the occasion Wicketkeeper Vijay Yadav (106) in the company of Ajay Banerjee (111)—both in their early 20s—took a major share of the honours. It was their massive partnership of 186 runs in 226 minutes that ultimately made the difference between victory and defeat.

As is his wont, skipper Kapil Dev led by example. He raced to a magnificent 141 and then for good measure scalped five victims to reduce Bengal into abject submission. Apart from his own individual contribution, it was his presence that motivated the others to give off their best.

Chetan Sharma struggling to regain his Test place did no harm to his reputation of being an honest trier. On this 'sleeping beauty' of a wicket, hc tried his best to work up a lively pace and was rewarded with three wickets.

However, the man who was really on a silver streak was the ever-reliable Amarjeet Kaypee. He may not be a purist's delight, but there is no donying that he has a broad bat and a big heart. He came to Calcutta with a string of tall scores and it was to his credit that he carried on from where he had left off with two centuries against Uttar Pradesh in the quarter final. In this match, he had scores of 78 and 102 and now has a phenomenal aggregate of 890, just 118 short of W.V. Raman's record of 1008 Ranji runs in one season.

As for the actual match, once again it was the same scenario of placid pitches and drab encounters. The character of the Eden Gardens wicket has changed over the years. Old-timers have fond memories of fast, green wickets of the Sixties. In the Seventies, we had wickets which were slower in comparison but provided appreciable turn as the match progressed.

Totals in the region of 300 were considered 'fair' at the time and interesting tussles took place. Outright decisions in 3 or 4 days was the norm and thousands came to watch the duels.

Unfortunately, the pattern has changed. To watch Kapil Dev in action, no less than 10,000 did brave the humidity and the heat of late April on the opening day. Kapil Dev, the master entertainer, certainly did not disappoint them. But as the proceedings slowed down the crowd response was lukewarm as is only to be expected.

A little over 1200 runs came in five days of ding-dong cricket for the loss of 25 wickets. If it was painstaking for the spectators, who numbered only a handful on Sunday, the match kept the

As usual Bengal's chances lay on Arun Lal's shoulders. Even a century by him falled to give Bengal the crucial first innings lead statisticians on the edge of their seats.

The young visitors, unheralded and under-rated, must have stifled a laugh or two as the much-vaunted Bengal team went on tripping at almost every hurdle that it encountered.

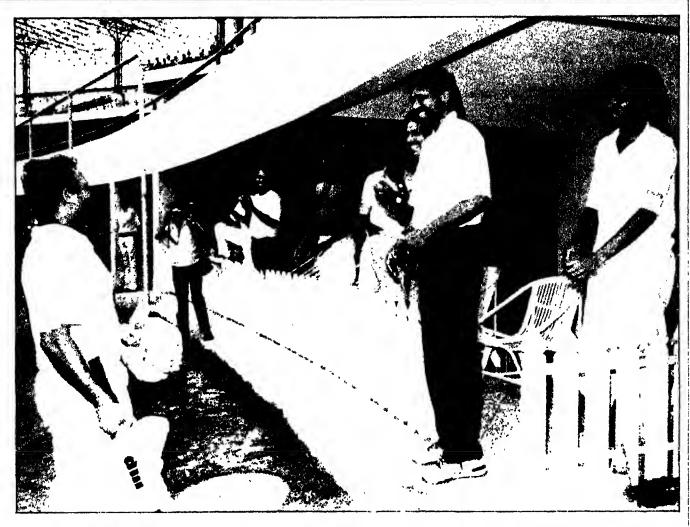
Skipper Pronob Ray's decision to bat second after winning the toss came in for some criticism. Actually that was not the main reason for Bengal's defeat. The prime reason could be that psychologically the Bengal players were not up to it against Kapil Dev. In every department of Bengal's performance appeared to be totally at variance with their usual form and ability. The seamers bowled short on the slow wicket and their direction too was never consistent. The fielding,



especially catching, was way below the mark expected of first class cricketers. For lack of gumption, the batsmen, except of course Arun Lal, fell by the wayside.

Arun Lal for the umpteenth time displayed character and courage. He was having a lean





The Haryana captain and his teammates welcome batting hero Kaypee back with a ton in the second innings...his fifth this season. The 33-year-old crossed 800 runs this season

patch by his own standards in the domestic season and was understandably very keen to prove to himself, if to none else, that he was still good enough to get runs when the need arose. He proved his point with an excellent innings of 136 but it was not enough to infuse any element of inspiration to his colleagues.

Statistically Bengal seamers, Sagarmoy Sen Sharma and Dattatreya Mukherji, took 7 and 4 wickets, respectively, in the match as rewards for their earnest endeavours but those figures in no way left a mark on the course of the match. More impressive was the left-arm orthodox spinner Utpal Chatterjee, who



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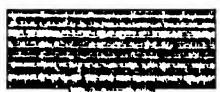


concentrated on length and line and was distinctly unlucky to have only two victums. Chatterjee also scored a fifty and was associated in a century partnership with Saradindu Mukherji (50) for the 8th wicket.

Bengal's best bets for higher honours did scant justice to themselves. Saradındu Mukherji lost his length and line after a tight first spell of six overs He looked woefully out of touch and was severely mauled by the young rivals. His final analysis read one for 138 off 41 overs Sourav Ganguly played a very scratchy innings of 27 and appeared to be over-burdened by his new-found reputation. Unless both of them can convert their potential into solid performances, any hope of making it in the top league would only remain a distant dream.

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## MAGNUM FORCE!



HE Hyderabadis came armed with everything but hope That—though it would be rather unfair to mention—they left back in the confines of their

historic city Speaking of history it was history itself that cheated on them Ranji Trophy history Arshad Ayub's men had only to open the Ranji Trophy chronicles to realise they needed to overturn more than half a century of cricketing data just so that they could hope to defeat Bombay in the Ranji Trophy semi-finals No such luck

Seven encounters with Bombay have resulted in seven outright defeats. Therefore, it was only obvious that the bookies tipped. Hyderabad as underdogs (those wizened astrologers in the Press Box did too). Current form and history favoured Bombay.

Most of the Bombay players had seen battle On the other hand Hyderabad players saw little or no competitive cricket over the last couple of months In fact, the ominous clouds of defeat had already gathered in and around the Hyderabad dressing room even before their openers had gone out to bat Designated captain Arshad Ayub (he filled in for Mohammed Azharuddın who had to leave following County engagements) added to the intensity of the already charged atmosphere by not arriving from England as scheduled Just as manager CS Shyamlal had finally convinced himself that the reins of responsibility had to be handed over to someone more accountable, Ayub made a grand entry The reception was

obviously lukewarm

On the other side of the firing line—just a dressing room away—the battle-hardened

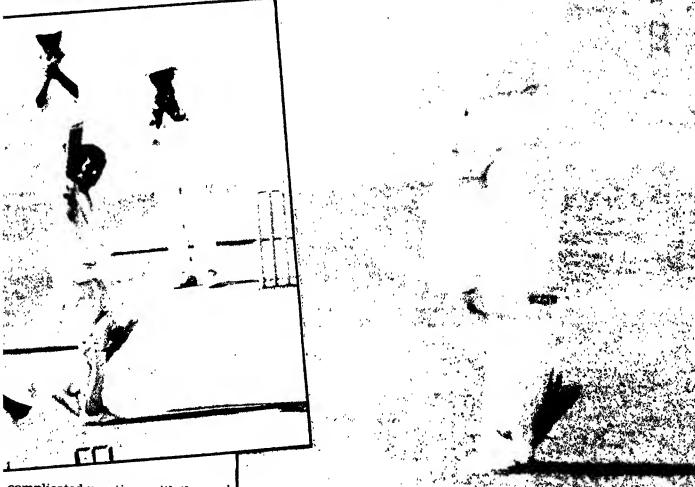


Bombay boys were busy trying to convince themselves that it was indeed an important match and they shouldn't be taking things too lightly Simply translated, it would mean they were oozing confidence. Their top seven had been scoring heavily recently, but obviously, all eyes were focused.

That's what the Bombay batsmen hit the visiting Hyderabadis with on a certain Mr Sachin Tendulkar who was hours away from his 18th birthday.

One did not feel like waking
Tendulkar up from his reverie and
so the newsmen tiptoed out of the
room and went back to their
business. Newly elected captain
(courtesy the unavailability of
Ravi Shastri) Sinjay Manjrekar,
25 years young, looked anything
out nervous at his new found
responsibility. He dodged

Sridhar raises his bat after his classy century. His was a responsible innings



complicated questions with the artfullness of ballerina and dashed headfirst into the easy ones. "There are quite a few batsmen (Hyderabad) I have never seen play before and therefore it is difficult to predict anything," he said. He also made a few specialist comments like, "the match will be a test of endurance and the team which can beat the heat will have a

fair chance."

In the course of the next four days, it transpired that Ayub and his men really could not beat the heat. Even the sun's rays assumed a gentler tone in the face of the fierce but sustained onslaught by the Bombay batsmen.

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Manjrekar carved out a triple hundred. Class was the bottom line of his innings

Tall started with the toss, that simple yet necessary formality that goes on to decide so many Test matches. Manjrekar called



correctly and chose to bat on a wicket that looked as if it had been laid out to the cows for breakfast, an occassional greenish tinge visible here and there.

The initial moisture caused a few early problems for the Bombay openers and Hyderabad

seamer Rajesh Yadav undid Sishir Hattangadi with the last ball of his second over. Hattangadi was a ff trifle unlucky as the ball grazed his pads and rolled on to his stumps. Yadavs streak of impetuousity did not end there. Switching ends with

#### Kambli scored a century In both innings. No sweat

Ramanamurthy, he trapped Lalchand Rajput, who was deceived by a slower one and was caught plumb in front.

With Bombay gasping at the loss of two wickets for 30 runs, typewriters began crackling in the Press Box. Every journalist began to conjure up fancy introductory lines for their reports, and when the battle-hardened vet, Dilip Vengsarkar (more about him later) was given a reprieve by umpire J.D Ghosh, twice, they actually started banging their typewriters. The intros condemning Bombay were left stuck for the rest of the day. Chairs was pulled forward, hot tea sipped, as we settled down to watch the unfolding of a brilliant partnership.

Vengsarkar and Manjrekar, by now fairly hot and undeniably hungry, came in for lunch at 104 for two. Manjrekar was still a single short of his 50 and old Vengsarkar was suffering from the heebie-jeebies of his shaky start. The selectors in the stands pursed their lips grimly. Another Indian team was on the verge of leaving without the services of the 'colonel' Or was it? Vengsarkar replied in the negative. A blunt

'NO'.-

After lunch, Manjrekar was busy deciding how many more minutes he would take in order to score that elusive single. After waiting patiently on 49 for 20 minutes, the Bombay captain cover-drove Ramanamurthy exquisitely for his eighth boundary and half century. Vengsarkar, on the other hand, took up the cue and after surviving a third lease of life at 38, both he and Manjrekar broke out of their self-imposed shackles. Thereafter, both batsmen tried to outdo each other, cutting, driving and flicking with sustained savagery.

Vengsarkar finally fell at the end of the day for 121 chancy runs. Manjrekar breathed easy at 172. Bombay stood tall at 323 for three and Arshad Ayub had reason to hold a team meeting that evening. One of the topics that could have come up was his own unimpressive bowling.

The Hyderabadis trooped out on the second day hoping that Rajesh Yadav would take off from where he had left the day before. It was not to be. Instead, it was Ramanamurthy who had to keep things in check from his end. Sachin Tendulkar, who had come in at Vengsarkar's dismissal, helped himself to six boundaries off Yadav as Hyderabad s attack was cut into ribbons, the gaping wounds there for all to see. Their fielding, overthrows and misfields could have prompted MAD comics to do a satire on them.

Arshad Ayub's bowling figures (he was the only bowler who came close to giving away 200 runs) underwent major surgery. If the boys from the south were left gaping at Tendulkar's brilliance, captain Manjrekar built up his innings with savoire faire. He didn't murder the bowling. He just kept nicking at them with gentle turns and flicks, his bat flicking like a stilleto.

Tendulkar's flamboyance had by now given way to carelessness; he threw away his wicket when on 70 going for the big hit In came Vinod Kambli, another batting prodigy, and he showed Tendulkar what one can do with a little bit of caution. Spinner Venkatpathi Raju (of the Sri Lanka Test fame) came on and was treated with disdain. Kambli clubbed him for a huge six and helped himself gleefully to 14 runs in Raju's 33rd over.

When tea was taken, Kambli was on 96. And Manjrekar? He had (gasp!) already become the tenth batsman to score a triple hundred in the Ranji Trophy. Everything else had paled into insignificance. "I'm glad I lasted so long," was all he said. Simple fellow. Kambli, by virtue of his 126 had crossed 1000 first class runs.

The Press-box had by now become a veritable mad house. The statisticians were yelling out figures and numbers, the

newsmen were yelling for clarifications. Manjrekar's innings ended at the unholy figure of 666 minutes and when he trooped back to the pavilion he looked kind of...tall. The Bombay batsmen went to bed at 807 for six, their highest Ranji Trophy total so far, and Hyderabad skipper Arshad Ayub called for another emergency meeting to discuss 'strategy' for the next day. Hah!

Some very serious plans must have been chalked out the night before, because the initial Hyderabad resistance did themselves proud. After losing opener C. Jaikumar for a well made 'duck', they went on to score 247 runs for the loss of three wickets. This unexpected compilation of runs was only because of Bombay's pedestrian attack and a rather placid wicket.

M.V. Sridhar, who has been scoring rather heavily for Hyderabad of late, came in at the fall of Jaikumar. He soon settled down and began playing cat-and-mouse with the Bombay fielders. Manjrekar had a battery of seven men in close catching positions but that did not deter Swaroop who banged anything that was short and outside the stumps with ridiculous ease. Sridhar, on the other hand, settled down slowly and, even though spinner Mokashi kept a tight line and length, was more prudent with his drives.

By tea, Sridhar was on the threshold of another century and the Hyderabad pair looked quite impregnable. The wicket too did its bit, neither offering any spin nor pace. It was for Manjrekar to take the new ball, which he did and looked in askance at his trusted warhorse Raju Kulkarni. Kulkarni responded. A late outswinger saw Swaroop reacting and the ball landed safely in the hands of Chandrakant Pandit.

It was then that Ayub made a tactical blunder by sending in Ramanamurthy as nightwatchman. Bombay had just taken the new ball and

There was an occasional hitch in Swaroop's innings. Nevertheless, he got a hundred Ramanamurthy's batting was certainly not all that hot. Pandit and Kulkarni again teamed up and Ramanamurthy walked back for no score. A very comfortable Vivek Jaisimha played out the rest of the dying minutes. Tomorrow was other day

It was not as if the batsmen put up a total resistance the next morning. For a time it did look as if the foundations of a large partnership was being laid, but Vivek Jaisimha went and spoilt it all. He departed for a carefully compiled 71 and the procession followed thereafter. The only resistance coming in the end from a very determined Venkatpathi Raju. Raju put up his maiden fifty with careful defence in the face of a full throttled Bombay onslaught.

Hyderabad did have the potential of making a fight of it, but all their hopes crumbled And the chief architect for Hyderabad's sudden diminishing fortunes was spinner Sanjay Patil. He started the slide when Vivek Jaisimha played a rather uppish drive off him to Kambli. And when Sridhar





departed for a career best 184, the writing was on the wall. Twenty minutes after tea brought the curtains down on Hyderabad. It was going to be batting practice for Bombay.

It may not have been, seeing the

way they had begun the third day Their fielding was very shoddy and seemed to fade away during the course of the day But lapses on the part of Hyderabad seemed to make up for all of Bombay's errors The highlight at the end of the day was Vengsarkar's orrect fielding at slips. He took three successive catches to end. Hyderabad's suffering. Both Sridhar and Raju edged balls that did not turn and Vengsarkar made no mistake in gobbling them up. The end came when last man Kanwaljeet was bowled by Patil

The action in the Press box had also hotted up by now The reterans had passed the hat around earlier in the day for a contribution of rupees five by everywhere present and watching It was some kind of a contest, whoever came closest to predicting Hyderabad's total would get the sum that had been collected in the pool Ironically, it was someone from Bengal a reporter from The Statesman who bagged it Talking about mathematics and quotient rules "Your team is in quite a tight spot back home," grumbled someone as the lucky fellow went to receive his money

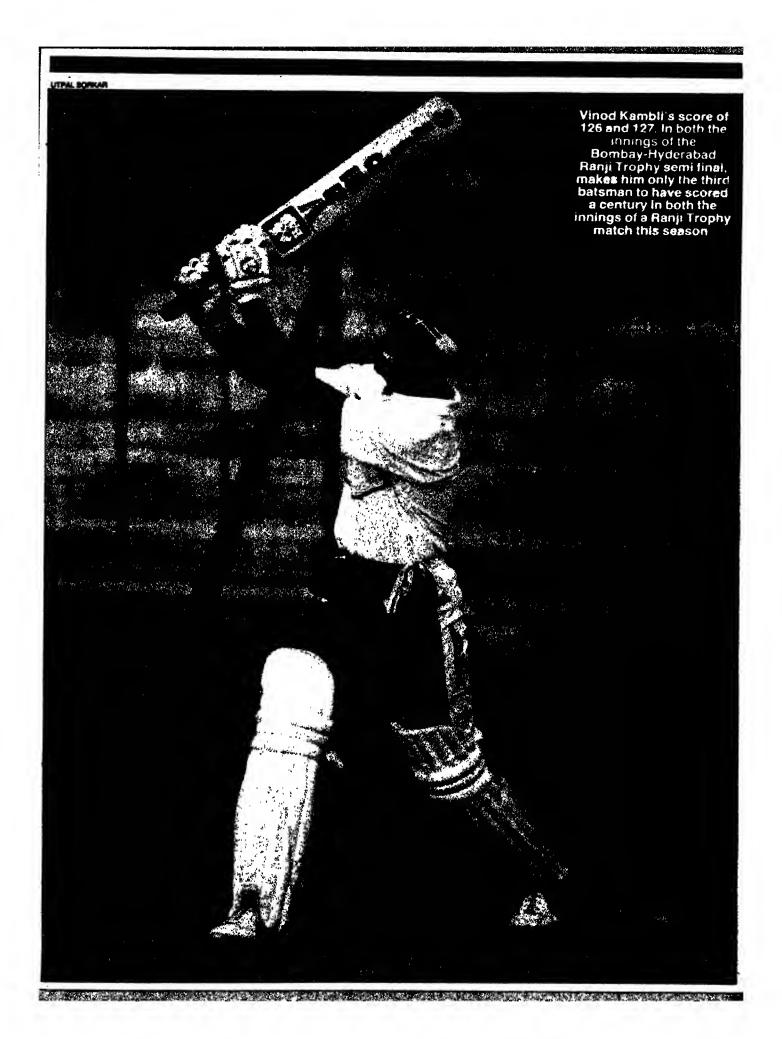
The fourth day provided no interest whatsoever. It only held entertainment value and the cricketers provided lots of it. Bombay made another quickfire four hundred plus with Kambli getting another century and Sachin putting up a thrilling 88.

The only sore point was Dilip Vengsarkar's fiasco with a reporter in the Press Box Soumitra Bose of The Telegraph had approached the already wary Vengsarkar for an interview and got one on the promise that he would produce the transcribed copy for Vengsarkar's perusal Vengu read, disapproved and tore the copy into shreds

On the face of Bose's protestations, Vengsarkar let fly with the choicest of galis and threats, even threatening him with not leaving Bombay in one piece Looks like Vengsarkar's nerves are getting a little frayed

Coming back to cricket, when Manjrekar declared at 446, Hyderabad needed an enormous target of 804 for a win They too settled down to some serious batting practice. The farce came to an end soon after

Robin Chatterjee, Bombay



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GEORGE FOREMAN VS EVANDER HOLYFIELD

## 'THE BATTLE OF THE AGES'

Foreman & Holyfield. Two men who could be in greater contrast in every way. One won, the other lost. Yet their finest victory was the turning of a sham into something of a legend

E were hard at work on the night of Saturday 20 April, producing (what might seem amazing for Indian newspaper readers) the 32-page sports section of 'The Sunday Age,' the Melbourne newspaper that employs me. The phone rang and the young lass on the other end wanted to know how "the fight" was going .

It was going fairly well, I answered earnestly, thinking she meant the constant battle against deadlines. No, no, she said in disgust (she must have thought she had a halfwit on the other end!) what was happening in the boxing? You know, George Foreman against Evander Holyfield. Aha, I said, having seen the light, THAT fight!

She was very worried. Did she have money on the fight, I asked her? Yep, she did. On Foreman? Yep, she did. Well, I said, her hero wasn't looking too good. There was a groan on the other end of the line. The fight was only into the fifth round, but because it was not being televised live here in Australia, the entire country was

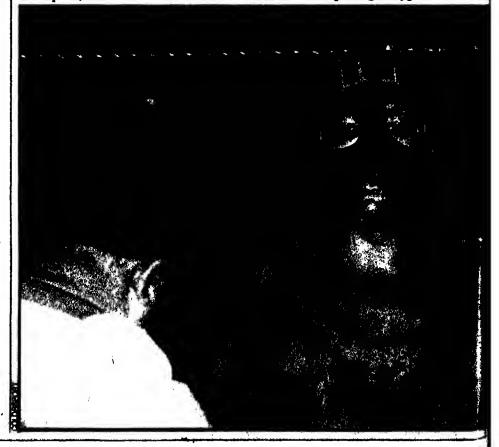
George Foreman: amazing comeback for a 42-year-old

agog, waiting for a result.

It was a script straight out of a 'Rocky' movie. Holyfield was 28. Foreman, 42. Holyfield was the reigning world heavyweight champion, Foreman the second

oldest challenger for the title he had taken from Joe Frazier in Kingston, Jamaica eighteen years previously.

In all, the statistics that one associates with pre-fight hype,



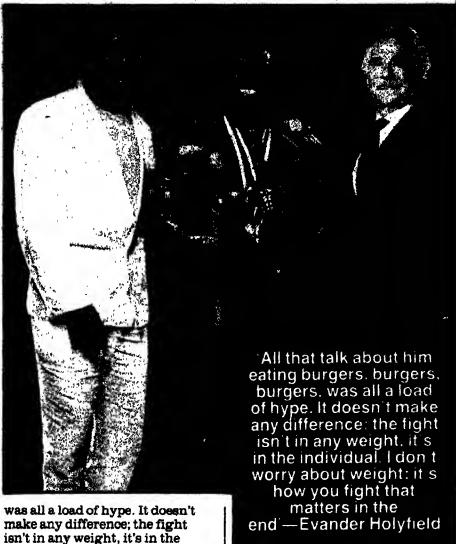
#### Evander Holyfield (left) was trained by Mr. Olympia, Lee Heney and Joe Welder (right)

there was one factor that seemed to weight most significantly with Foreman: public sentiment. It was billed as the "Battle of the ages" and it certainly seemed something of a mismatch. There was the champion, Holyfield, a trim, lean, 94 kilograms; there was the challenger, 116 kilograms, only four kilos lighter than the legendary Primo Carnera, the heaviest heavyweight in ring history.

Yet Foreman carried no spare weight. The Texas preacher, who is known these days as the Reverend Foreman, looked a perfect fighting machine. There were no spare tyres around his waist, no flesh hanging from his jowls. But Foreman trailed the customary pre-fight red herring for his opponent, joking about his (Foreman's) supposed huge appetite for junk food.

But Holyfield, admiring Foreman's physique, said before the fight, "All that talk about him eating burgers, burgers, burgers,





was all a load of hype. It doesn't make any difference; the fight isn't in any weight, it's in the individual. I don't worry about his weight; it's how you fight that matters in the end."

Yet once the fight was over, a contest which was even and enthralling, Holyfield had nothing but praise for Foreman. "He put on relentless pressure," said Holyfield. "At any given moment of the fight I had to be punching or he was going to be punching me. He forced me to stand in there and take shots. He earned a lot of respect in that ring."

How good, then, is Evander
Holyfield? That question is
difficult to answer. He is
unbeaten, but this is the first time
he has been taken the distance
since 1986. And who did he win
the title from? From James
"Buster" Douglas, bloated till he
was almost a parody of a fighter.

It is difficult to assess someone like Holyfield, but should he fight Mike Tyson, we could know that answer fairly soon.

And somewhere in a Texas pulpit is a 42-year old preacher with fists the size of hams who will sit and dream about the day he came so close to his "dream" of winning back the title he first held in 1973. George Foreman's comeback to the sport will be spoken of as long as stirring deeds are spoken of in sport. And if the great man ever needs some loose change for any of those "burgers, burgers, burgers," he can dip into the \$15 million he won for getting into the ring against a man 14 years younger than him.

**David McMahon** 



## FINALC



HERE was a lot of uncertainty in the air when Tottenham Hotspur took on Arsenal FC, in the first FA Cup semifinal played at

Wembley. People were waiting to see whether Gascoigne, who was just back from a hernia operation and in indifferent form, could justify the hype that was accorded to him. They wanted evidence that he was a good player and not just a crybaby.

And before long Gascoigne had the stadium mesmerised by his elevated standards of play that had his opponents wishing they were playing with him and not against him. Oh yes, there was a lot of theatrics and tears flowed once again, but this time, for a change, it was not Gascoigne who was crying.

It was David Seaman, goalkeeper of Arsenal, who broke down after the match. His chances of joining the England team as first choice goalkeeper was in jeopardy after the game, thanks to Gascoigne. A 35 yard free kick from Gascoigne just brushed Seaman's fingers before it settled in the corner. And Seaman just looked hapless not knowing what had happened. But then when Gascoigne is in sensational form there is nothing much that can be done.

As Mitchell Thomas soon found out.
Gazza weaved past Thomas, the ball
tantalisingly glued to his feet, flicked it
on to Lineker, who with his characteristic
prod made the score 2-0 in their favour.

Once again there was the pumping of fists and the melodrama coming from Gazza. If Gascoigne enthralled with his act, it was Lineker who provided the finishing touches and in the 76th minute scored his fourth goal in two games, to take his team to the final. In the 45th minute a pass from Dixon, saw Smith head in the ball and that was the only dent that Arsenal could make.

The countdown
begins for the
FA Cup Final on
May 19th as
Tottenham
Hotspur and
Nottingham
Forest take on
each other. Can
Tottenham

Hotspur do it

Gascoigne?

without

dent that Arsenal could make.

The other semi-final at Villa Park
between Nottingham Forest and West
Ham United also had it's own share of
high voltage drama. But it was not the
game itself that had the pulse racing, it
was the sending off, of defender Tony
Gale of West Ham, for a professional
foul that had the spectators on their feet.
West Ham supporters claim that had it



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not been for the sending off, their team would have gone into the final.

But it actually sounded like a lot of hot air because the performance of the West Ham team was in no way impressive. So much so that they were completely overshadowed by their opponents and the convincing 4-0 score left nothing to the imagination.

In the second half the Forest players realised that they had a numerical advantage and from then on there was no ■ Gazza rides piggy back after a stupendous performance and acknowledges the crowd



looking back. Four minutes into the second half saw Crosby opening the score book. A one-two with Glover saw Keane putting the ball through for the second. And in the 71st minute captain Pearce put in the ball from a pass he got from Nigel Clough.

In the end there was little, read nothing, left of West Ham's deflated ranks to stop Charles from breaking in and scoring, after another one-two from Glover, and there was no scope of doubt as to which was the better team.

On May 19th when Tottenham Hotspur take on Nottingham Forest in the final they might not have Gascoigne to spur them on. Gascoigne now having post operation problems might not be in playing condition on D-day. Fate can indeed by very cruel but then providence seems to be smiling on the Nottingham team. Can they do the impossible? May 19th will give us the answer.

By A Correspondent

Tottenham players exuit after scoring a goal

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#### CALCUTTA FOOTBALL TRANSFERS

HE three men had long been keeping a silent vigil on the small two-storey building. Dawn had been quietly breaking on the horizon, when the leader checked his watch for the final time. He nodded a silent go ahead to the man at the wheel, who moved the car about 500 yards and killed the engine immediately.

Then they all fanned out, quietly dodging past a dozen hefty men sleeping peacefully in the comforting pre-dawn breeze. They avoided the front door, and tiptoed their way up to the back entrance. There, a lean, medium-built man was waiting eagerly with a handbag. He smiled, and nodded a silent greeting to the three men and moved towards the car.

Thirty seconds later they all left, dissolving quickly into the semidarkness. Thirty minutes later the 'lazy dozen' woke up to discover their 'bird' had flown.

Aniruddha Koley had made up his mind the night before Virtually under house arrest at his home in South Calcutta by East Bengal's henchmen for nearly two days, he was itching to make one final contact with the Mohun Bagan officials hoping to have a fresh bigger offer than East Bengal At last his time came, and he did not look back again

If this sounds very much like an episode from an action thriller, well, then Calcutta football transfers are indeed one sick action drama

By the time Aniruddha Koley reached a 'safe-house', out of bounds for any club's star-catcher's, tension was quickly rising in the East Bengal camp Word had gone around that Krishanu Dey and Bikash Panji, in many 'pundits' epinion the most dynamic midfield duo in the country, were missing

The seasoned East Bengal officials immediately realised the chilling reality of their stars being 'missing'. They were 'kidnapped', they quickly figured out and their 'policemen' fanned out in no time to track them down

Krishanu Dey and Bikash Panji had gone, of their own free will, to meet the Mohun Bagan secretary. Swapan Sadhan Basu alias Tutu Basu, to talk about a possible deal before giving their final word to East Bengal They knew from their own confidential sources that Tutu Basu was waiting with a sackful of cash for them That he would make an offer they would never be able to refuse So, in search of a windfall they made an early visit to the Mohun Bagan

Krishanu Dey and Bikash Panji signed for East Bengal: lucrative deals

The story of Calcutta football transfers is like an action thriller **Sidney Sheldon** would be proud to have authored. And yet the essence of this mindless drama is a cash craze that stages perhaps the most spectacular. conspiratorial and sometimes farcical star auction in amateur sport...



That one rupee was symbolic. Maybe, Monoranjan would later be given his due by his new club, but in a way it remained a sad reminder of the plight of a footballer whose time has passed. As also what a farce the whole transfer market of Calcutta football can degenerate into...to make you laugh

chieftain's house.

Tutu Basu, heir to the fortune of a massive shipping company, has never played football in his life, but his house was now teeming with a host of footballers enjoying his 5-star hospitality and waiting their turn to go to the IFA office to sign for Mohun Bagan. In effect, they were virtually under house arrest, isolated from all outside contact in one section of Basu's house which was thrown open for Mohun Bagan's new recruits.

Krishanu Dey and Bikash Panji knew they would have a nice offer Little did they expect that they would be so pleasantly surprised And they sat dumbfounded for a long while when a mindless, unbelievable offer of four lakhs each was given to them. A whole kaleidoscope of dreams must have begun revolving in their minds when the possibility of an angry East Bengal retaliation, nearly made them sick.

The wrath of East Bengal's Poltu Das, both Krishanu and Bikash knew, was the last thing they could afford to earn. Poltu Das has his own world of power and influence, and his under world clout has been one of his strongpoints in the murky politics of maidan sport.

Ever since he became an active administrator in East Bengal, he has never let his club face any financial crunch, pumping in

Policemen driving away angry East Bengal fans after Monoranjan Bhattacharya, their guru switched over to Mohun Bagan huge amounts of cash from sources unknown and untraceable; and now, as the club's secretary, he was in no mood to bear the loss of East Bengal's 'priceless' midfield duo.

Krishanu and Bikash knew how this man's mind works, but they also knew, through painful realisation, what it means to have to throw away a fabulous cashbox.

But soon, to their total surprise, they began to realise that by entering Tutu Basu's house, they in reality no longer had the option of backing out of the offer. Tutu Basu's house had by then become a top security Fort Knox. They were trapped.

But the die hard East Bengal

workers had already swung into action and in a desperate bid almost forced Krishanu Dey's wife to lodge a complaint of kidnapping, with the police.

The unseemly prospect of police intervention made Mohun Bagan relent, and Krishanu-Bikash left the Mohun Bagan 'prison' worried if the Mohun Bagan offer would be matched by East Bengal. The grapevine has it that East Bengal did, in the end, almost match the Mohun Bagan offer, even though both Krishanu and Bikash vehemently deny it, harping on their loyalty to the club with agonising monotony: "We've decided to stick to East Bengal, basically because our ties with the





Aonoranjan Bhattacharya: bone of contention

Bikash Panji: Rs. 3.75 lakh:

Tarun Dey: Re. 3.5 lekhi Sisir Ghosh: As. 2 lakhs Presente Beneries: Rs. 1:70

Sudio Chatterjee: Rs. 1.55 lakhe Aloke Mukherles: Rs. 2 lekhe

club have grown closer than ever before. Maybe, it will become closer in the forthcoming season. I mean so close that in future we may never switch our allegiance for East Bengal, no matter how much money is offered."

Believe it?

night. The sales was the sales of the sales

And stories like this can be told with mind-blowing monotony, if one talks about Calcutta's football

floor-crossing.

Tarun Dey had apparently given definite indications to the Mohun Bagan authorities that he would switch over from East Bengal. The deal was discussed at length and Mohun Bagan officials thought the team's defence was taken care of. Which was one of the reasons why Mohun Bagan chose to ignore their old warhorse and personna non grata Subrata Bhattacharya.

Tarun Dey is still one of the best defenders in the country and he knew the rules of the transfer game. Just as Mohun Bagan slipped into complacency, taking his entry for granted, he quietly surfaced from nowhere to sign once again for East Bengal and making himself richer by a cool fifty thousand more than the three lakhs that Mohun Bagan offered.

This was the only time Mohun Bagan was hoodwinked in their hugely successful transfer season which saw them emerge as the strongest side of the Big Three, at least on paper.

And as if to provide a fitting counterpoint to the cash-craze of Calcutta's megastars and the Krishanu-Bikash-Tarun Dey coup de grace of East Bengal, Monoranjan Bhattacharya switched his 15-year allegiance to East Bengal in favour of Mohun Bagan for a token one rupee.

That one rupee was symbolic. Maybe, Monoranjan would later be given his due by his new club, but in a way it remained a sad reminder of the plight of a footballer whose time has passed. As also what a farce the whole transfer market of Calcutta football can degenerate into...to make you laugh.

Suprakash Ghoshal



#### **TURF VIEW**

FTER the the Monsoon of 1990, the Royal Calcutta Turf Club had set itself a standard that few thought it would be able to live up to. But as we see so often in racing, when a horse—and a good one at that—gets put into top gear or overdrive for that matter is's amazing how much ground can be covered.

What does however put a dampener on things, is the manner in which the last couple of days of the season were dragged out. It was we ended on a whimper. Moreover, a host of unfortunate incidents in the course of those last few days did nothing to improve the general impression and in fact at times turned out to be detrimental. Perhaps if we can start the season earlier, then the entire affair could be that much more interesting.

For instance, it was intriguing to note that towards the close of the season we experienced a host of suspensions and fines because of horses not being allowed to run

42 degrees on the thermometer is not exactly an enticing scenario for even the staunchest racing buff and perhaps one hopes that after this year we will not stretch things out to such an extent next time

fortunate that we ended on April 14 because otherwise the 42nd day of the meet would probably have had a mercury reading to supplement it. 42 degrees on the thermometer is not exactly an enticing scenario for even the staunchest racing buff and perhaps one hopes that after this year we will not stretch things out to such an extent next time It does nothing for racing as a whole, and instead of ending on a high note

on their merits. The question is: why don't similar incidents take place in the early part of the season? The answer to that is probably twofold. Firstly, since there is so much happening in the heat of a racing season in full swing, one hardly ever notices such episodes and the Press too seems to play them down, because they have so much to write about. However, once you come towards the fag end and cynics run out of material, this sort of



## AHOT PACE!

The RCTC have set a very high standard as far as racing is concerned....if they can keep it up, then there is a lot to look forward to next season......



thing becomes highlighted and everyone forgets about the good that has transpired. Quite unlike what Mark Anthony once said, but then Mark Anthony was no racing fiend.

But shifting back to the racing proper, let us talk about what happened on the turf not only from the equine point of view, but on the professional front as well. Romantic Dancer was undoubtedly the horse of the season, but Ich Dien walks into the record books as the champion older horse.

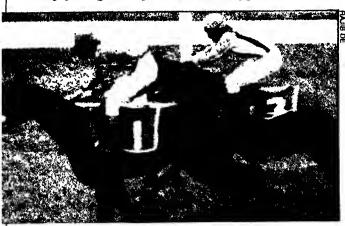
Trained by Vijay Singh and sporting the silks of Babi Nobis, Ich Dien raced just thrice in the course of the Calcutta season. He won once and finished a close second twice. Beaten on both occasions by one time Calcutta Derby winners. Romantic Dancer just

A calm and quiet RCTC....little warning of the excitement that takes place on a race day

got past him once and then Yerevan, who had won the 1990 Derby but lost it on an objection, did him in the time before. In the Queen Elizabeth II Cup however, Ich Dien was supreme and won effortlessly. In the bargain his sporting owner Nobis led in his third successive Queen's Cup winner. He had won the race earlier, twice with the legendary Brave Dancer and now along came a horse of the same vintage who at the age of seven years became one of the oldest winners of the Queen's Cup.

Amongst the speed merchants there emerged a showy dark bay gelding named Azzish. He hailed from the Vijay Singh camp terms of it he was receiving close to nothing from these established veterans. But 1 min. and 13.9 sec. later Aazish proved that he was definitely the best on the day and he finished off as one of the longest priced winners of the Hongkong Bank cup and in the bargain gave his trainer Vijay Singh his second successive victory in the event.

Vijay Singh's brother Bharath was having a remarkable run too. In Sentouki he saddled a juvenile who ended up being the highest handicapped



### Champion sprinter: Aazish

too and under his care he blossomed into the Carl Lewis of the Calcutta turf. Starting out at the top of class IV. nobody in his wildest dreams could have seen Aazish win the Hongkong Bank Cup, the premier sprint event of the season. But, win it he did producing a dazzling display of blistering pace which defied the very meaning of the word Handicap. After winning his last race in ordinary class III company Aazish took on horses who should have been giving him chunks of weight. Instead on the

three-year-old in training this season. He won three races from four starts with the colt and it earned his owners Sumit and Amit Gupta close to a million in stake money with his efforts. By Treasure Leaf out of Cedar Point, Sentouki tasted defeat just once and that was in the Breeders' Cup when a three-year-old named Arka beat him convincingly running level weights. Unfortunately, we never saw the best of Arka because an injury kept him out of racing after that, but if he can be brought back to fitness he is certain to go



places.

Veteran trainer Haskell David won back his place at the top of list of trainers and ended his season a distance alread of his nearest rival and incidentally last year's champion Philip Corner. It was a grand season for David who won 39 races, sweeping all the three legs of the Triple Crown with Romantic Dancer, His performance with his batch of youngsters however, was a bit of a dampener. Bad luck, or setbacks, call it what you will, saw the stable win just two of the six important races reserved for three-year-olds. Of course, he could well make up for it next winter after he nurses the present crop back to their best for their Classic campaign.

Robert Gowli just won the Jockeys' Championship snatching what could at best be described as a photo finish verdict from Nicky Bird who had led until the penultimate day's

#### Champion juvenile: Sentouki

racing and finally surrendered the lead when Gowli rode a couple of real strong finishes to end up on top. He rounded off his tally to finish with 24 wins to his credit. Compare this to the success enjoyed by Britisher, Nick Connorton who left Calcutta at the end of February, but still notched up as many as 21 race wins. Had he been around for even a couple of weeks more the outcome could well have been different

Amongst the owners, the man who must have enjoyed his most successful season yet was surely Mr C.J. Singh. He never won a classic or a Listed race in the course of 42 days. but landed his gambles with amazing regularity. In the last month or so of racing C.J. with his trainer Javed Klian pulled off some of the most talked about coups of the season. Although a host of people have pointed a finger at the somewhat portly Sardarji you could take nothing away from him this time. He had won his races fair and square and if you had simply followed his horses you would have ended up in the clover.

Of course every season has its ugly side as well and this one too did have a few that will long be discussed and talked about. But on the whole the Royal Calcutta Turf Club have now upped the ante as far as their racing is concerned. They have set a standard and if they can keep it, we have a lot to look forward to.

at the end of this long kata. From the position you are in, swing the right leg around and turn to face the opposite direction. Even as you turn cross the arms and perform a right gidan barai as you go into right zenkutsu-dachi. Then pull the right hand into the side of your

## KARATE

#### THE POWER OF THE EMPTY HAND

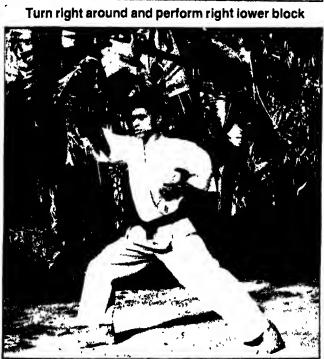


body and deliver a yon-nukite or four-finger stab at a 45° angle. Then step forward with the left leg, going into zenkutsu-dachi and perform an upper block at 45°. Then go into mokso and yoi to complete the kata.

By Shivaji Ganguiy

Kyokushinkaikan karate PHOTOGRAPHS RAMAN BHALLA





Deliver a four-finger stab at a 45° angle



Puil right fist into side of body



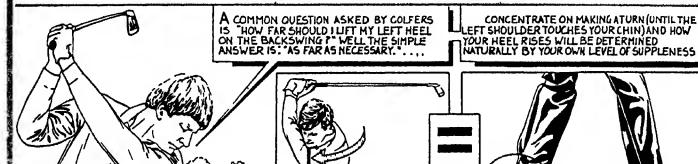
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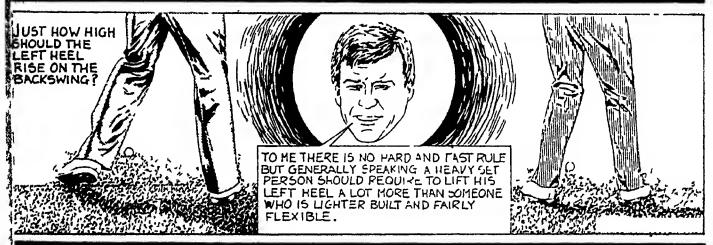
### THE FALDO FORMULA

#### FROM TEE TO GREEN

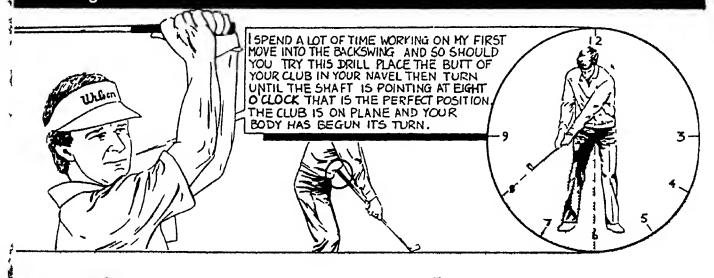
#### My Left Heel



#### The More the Heavier



#### um to Eight O'Clock



## READERS'

#### **OUESTIONS**

Which . ci icketer's biography is titled A Singulai Man'9

Which L tennis player once told an umpire during a match You are just sitting up there picking your nose and not paying any attention to the match ?

Who is this • player His nick name is The Coloured Falcao he plays bass guitar in a reggae band and has a top ten record hit in his country

Identity this 4. sportsman who worked as an apprentice jockey barman and tailor s cutter before he became one of the best snooker players of the world

Why did Mrs 5. Becker name her son Boris?

What was 6. Jimmy Connors goal in life before he became a tennis pro?

Whom do the . male tennis players call the Vein?

8. Davis Cup Why is it that matches in the USSR

#### ANSWERS

- 1 Phil Edmonds biogiaphy by Simon Barnes 2 Jimmy Connors to umpire Jeremy Shales ouring the Lipton International Tennis 1987
- 3 Ruud Gullit 4 Alex Higgins
- Because she was influenced by Boris Pasternar s Dr Zhivago
- 6 To be a defence lawyer
  7 Martina Navratilova because of her prominent veins
- 8 Because there are no grass courts in the USSR Hellen Wills Moody playing tennis
   J W H T Douglas won the middleweight gold in
- 1908 11 Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway
- 12 Ivan Lendi
- 13 Guillermo Vilas
- 14 Wrestling
- 15 Ion Tiriac

THIS OUIZ HAS BEEN COMPILED BY: **KAUSHIK BARUA** SE ELECTRICAL ASEB **DIBRUGARH CIRCLE** DIBRUGARH-786001 ASSAM

All answers sent in by the contributor

have never been played on grass courts?

Which 9. sportsperson according to Charlie Chaplin was the most beautiful thing he had ever seen?

O Which cricket captain of England was an Olympic boxing gold medalist?

1 · Who is the only athlete to hold the world records in 5 000m 10 000m and the world best time in the marathon simultaneously?

12. Who was the first junior world champion (boys)-in tennis?

13. Which tennis player was a poet and novelist off the tennis court?

4. Movie star Kirk Douglas started off as a sportsman In which sport?

5 He represented his country in ice nockey in the Olympics Formed a deadly combination with Illie Nastase and is now the manager of a top tennis player Identify this person?

Top speed of Andre Agassi's new \$500,000 Vectors sports car: 240 miles per hour.

Number of times per match that John McEnroe claims 1950s-'60s star Ken Rosewall threw his racket in disgust when he was a top player: "50 times."

Mumber of times
Barry Gilbert,
father of world No. 9
Brad, hired lawyers to
block attempts by the
Northern California
Tennis Association to
suspend Brad for
unsportsmanlike
conduct as a junior
player:2

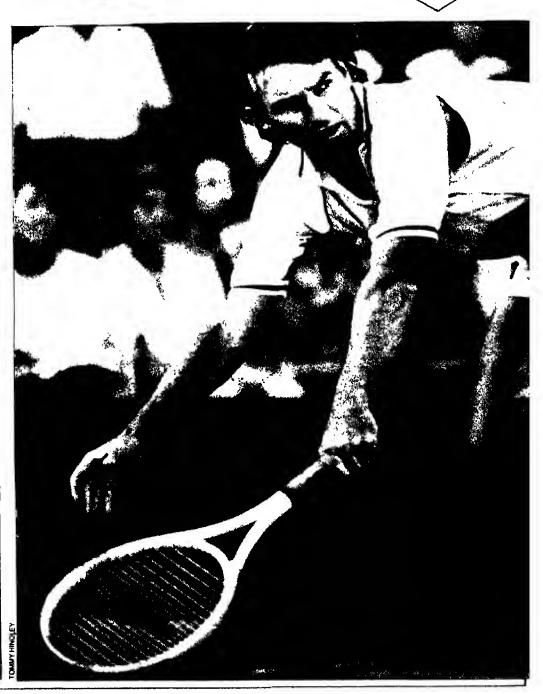
What Karoly Seles, the father-coach of world No. 1
Monica, claims she would have to do if she were prohibited from grunting loudly when she hits the ball: "Stop playing for six months while we remodelled her game."

The two most important strokes in tennis, according to former world top tenner Jose Higueras: Serve and forehand.

have given the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy: No Serve Academy.

## TENNIS TRIVIA

Player that 1985
Wimbledon
runnerup Kevin
Curren calls "the most
entertaining player of
all time": Jimmy
Connors.







Odds that Ladbrooks, bookmakers in London, gives that comeback king and five-time champion Bjorn Borg will win Wimbledon: 100 to 1.

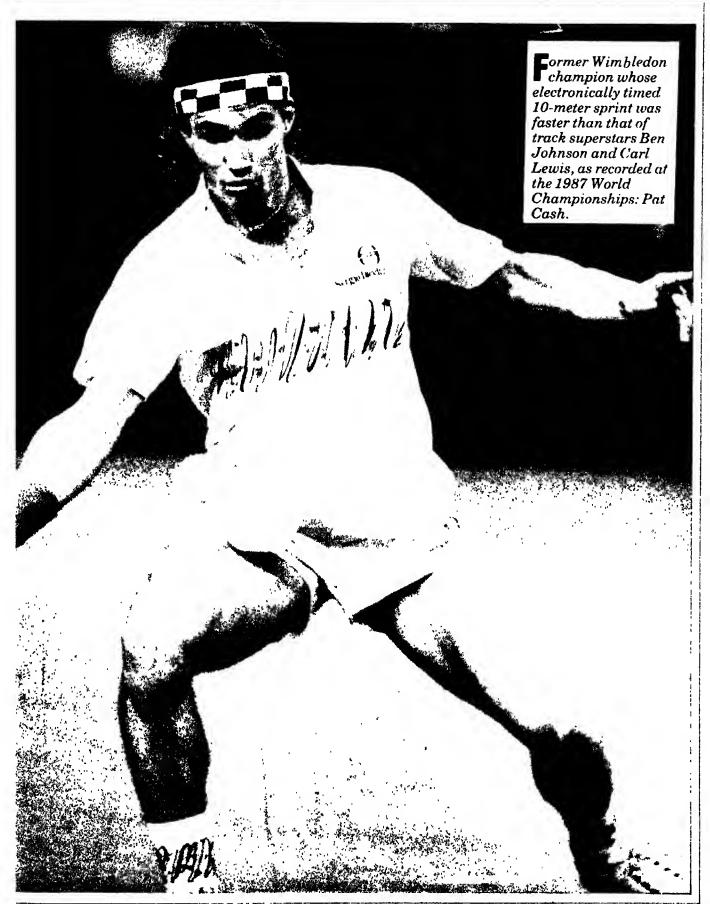
Celebrity that Mats Wilander traded his French Open trophy to for a music (Grammy) award: Sting.

Reminder written on a piece of adhesive tape inside of Gabriela Sabatini's rackets: "Much patience. Take your time."

Number of consecutive years that world No. 7 Goran Ivanisevic finished first among 5,000 starters in the traditional round the-city race in Split, Yugoslavia: 4.

Number of women players who recorded serves of 100 miles per hour or more at the 1991 Virginia Slims of Florida: 10

The only top player to congratulate 17-year-old Monica Seles when she became No. 1 ranked in the world: Jennifer Capriati.



OUR years after she was first shortlisted for training under the Special Area Games (SAG) scheme of the Sports Authority of India, 20-year-old Rigzin Angmo has learnt to her cost how ill-paved the road to sporting success

Her recent selection to represent the country in the IAAF World Marathon Cup in London on April 21, came almost simultaneously as the rejection of her trip was announced. Whatever the reason, the episode surely has left her somewhat non-plussed.

The Ladakh based runner, who first caught the eye under the novel scheme to spot distance runners from the high altitude regions, was not exactly a high flier of the P.T. Usha variety. But she began making inroads into the Delhi track and road running scene.

Her recent nomination to run for India in the London Marathon was a result of her impressive showing in the Rath Indian Open Marathon on February 17, where she came second behind national star Asha Agarwal, with a personal best time of 2 hrs 57 mts 03 secs. On March 8, she added to her newly acquired stature, by finishing second in the women's 10,000 metres final in the All India Inter-State Athletic Championships at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Professor Subhas Manchanda. Cardiologist at the All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, who was among the first to be impressed by her

physiological attributes, four years ago, must have been the happiest man to see at least one of the athletes chosen by him deliver the goods.

It was indeed unfortunate that Rigzin Angmo's participation in the London Marathon was not cleared, considering the kudos it would have brought the runner, apart from exposing her to the very exciting international scene.

At the time of writing, a disappointed Rigzin was back in the hills, immersed in her books, trying to get back to the examination preparation schedule which had been so tragically interrupted.

RIGZIN ANGMO THE GIT who came in from the cold her extraordinary endurance ability and dogged determination to improve, showed her responding better than most fellow athletes to the training methodology that was imparted to them by the coaches.

Each successive winter, when athletes from Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh descended on Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium for assessment of their progress. young Rigzin seemed a shade better than before. A year ago

> Rigzin Angmo: The lass with a never-say-die attitude



#### MAILBAG

#### **Abrupt Ending**

THE so called 'spectacular'
career of Diego Maradon
recently came to an abrupt and a
very unspectacular end when he
admitted that he had taken drugs.
It was certainly not befitting for a
sportsman of his stature to stoop
so low. Maybe over the years he
became so confident of himself
that he bagan to think that he was
invincible, and that he could not
be touched by the law.

Agreed that he was a player of extraordinary calibre, but then even he was not above the larger interests of the game. FIFA by banning him till, 1992 has proved that no player is above the game and its principles. Any sportsman has to have a certain degree of self-discipline and if a player does not have that, he should definitely be punished.

FIFA, by doing so, has set a right example and let's hope that the upcoming players seeing the plight of Maradona does not resort to drugs.

ARTA MISHRA, Cuttack.

#### Complacency Not Needed

INDIA always seem to be adopting a complacent policy as far as sports are concerned. It was very much evident in the recently concluded Asia-Oceania Davis Cup tie against Indonesia. If we wanted we could have won the tie 5-0, instead of the 4-1 drubbing we gave them.

We Indians tend to take it easy when we know that we are going to win. This perhaps was the only reason why Zeeshan Ali, who was in indifferent form was allowed to play, and this tactical error cost us a match.

India should try to adopt the professional approach that countries like Sweden follow. The 5-0 thrashing we got from them in the 1987 Davis Cup should have taught us a lesson or two. The Swedes even though they were comfortably poised did not allow the reserves to play, and hence, they got away with victories in all



their matches.

NEERAJ HARLALKA,

Calcutta.

#### Not Fair

T is certainly not fair to hold the Ranji Trophy matches in the heat of summer. The cricketers certainly cannot put in their best in the scorching heat. Was the BCCl justified in holding the Ranji Trophy matches this time of the year? Certainly not.

Maybe the players should also put their foot down sometime and make their position clear.
Otherwise they will continue to be be victimised by the Board. It would have been ideal if the matches were postponed till winter PRABAL GUHA, Dibrugarh.

#### Not Expected

In the article Queen Monica by Sue Mott in the issue dated 10—16th April, the writer compares Monica Seles to the Liverpool club. Ms Mott, it seems is not aware of the reputation that the club enjoys all over England and all over the world. Liverpool has always been held in awe and respect by clubs all over the world.

Liverpool F.C. has been rated as one of the most successful clubs in the world. No other European club can boast of the achievements that Liverpool can boast of. Hence it is unfair to compare Ms Seles to the Liverpool Club. Both are in a distinct class of their own.

RAVI S NAVAR

RAVI. S. NAYAR. Madras.

#### Unfortunate

are to know about the Sportsworld Round Table Quiz for the Dunlop Spectra Wide Trophy about a fortnight ago. It is unfortunate that people from this part of the country cannot take part in this quiz.

The sample questions of last year that were published, were very interesting and they prove that, this is without doubt the best

organised sports quiz in the country.

I would therefore request you to inform us readers well in advance through Sportsworld about the details of the quiz, so that people like us staying far away also get a chance to participate. Another request is to publish the questions that were asked in the quiz, in the forthcoming issues of the magazine.

S.CHOWDHURY, Secretary (Sports).

Mazagon Dock Ltd.,

Bombay.

Harsha Bhogle's book is called *The Joy of a Lifetime* and not 'Sachineredible' as it had been published in *Sportsworld* 1st May. The error is regretted.

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AKING off from where we left off last week, here are the final tips on how to pamper your palate and stay fit and trim at the same time. Here are some time tested rules on how to attack your food, eat healthily and stay in optimum shape.

Take it in writing: An ideal way to watch what you eat and how much you eat, is to get your diet plan written down. Once you have a set of goals to follow the going will be easier. Agreed that writing down your

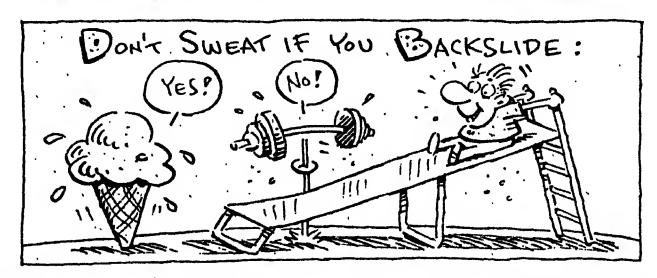


Remember that the food wars is a constant struggle that continues through one's lifetime There is no final victories or losses in this war There are so many

to music or watching a movie, then go ahead and do it. As long as you indulge in some activity that will raise your cardiovascular rate, it does not matter what it lose 30% of your excess weight, you stand a 70% chance of improving your health and quality-of-life benefits. The risk of cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes and gastro intestinal also decreases.

Relax: Dieting and reasonable eating, loses it's fun when you tax your body too much. Since strict dieting can put the brakes on long term weight control, you'll do better if you take it easy.

Don't sweat if you



food and eating habits is boring, but then it will remind you that you are over eating, or vice versa. This practice will almost certainly help you resist the urge to go on that wild eating spree that all of us like to indulge in one time or the other

Extreme measures don't work: Fasting for religious purposes is one thing, but if what you want to see is not God, but a size 32 waist. forget it. The same goes for extreme exercise regimens. little skirmishes and major confrontations that you should take it easy on the opponent, especially since it's you.

Now eating right will keep you trim but what about the fitness party? What about burning the extra calories that you are putting in? Exercise is the only way that you can keep yourself looking trim, and what's more you will definitely feel better.

Make workouts fun: If jogging bores you, then don't jog. If you like to exercise while listening

1s, or how you do it.

Don't hit the wall: Losing weight is hard on the body. It must continually adapt to the

continually adapt to the increase in exercise and the decrease in calories.

Eventually the body reaches a plateau, and at that point it fights back by lowering it's metabolism. Once you reach this stage, decrease your exercise regimen and give your body a chance to adjust.

Set reasonable goals: A little loss goes a long way. By the time you backslide: Many people quit their diets and eating habits when they suffer a temporary setback from their regimen. One little choco-bar once in a while is not going to put kilos, and freaking out on the table once in a while does not have much repercussions on the body. People do tend to slip up once in a while but that's okay.

So folks don't lose heart. Keep up the good job and the rewards won't take long to be evident.

# INGRIGATION OF THE STATE OF THE



AVING had the extraordinary good fortune of watching the first three British golfers to win the Masters, I think Ian Woosnam's victory brought the most pleasure. There are a number of reasons why.

With Sandy Lyle, Nick Faldo and then Woosnam, I followed, as much by luck as judgment, the whole of their final rounds. In Woosnam's case there was also the charm of Tom Watson. There are few finer sights in golf than Watson's short iron play when things are

#### Champion ian Woosnam and his caddie on the 15th green

going well.

Not only that, but the Masters champion of 1977 and 1981 is one of sport's gentlemen and his manner towards Woosnam throughout 4 1/2 hours of intense rivalry was everything anyone could wish; encouragement almost to the point of paternalism, by a rival who as dearly wished to win as the Shropshire lad.

Watson's graciousness was the more important to Woosnam, given the



## The Master At Last

extreme partisanship exhibited by the huge following that progressively swelled, hole by hole, behind the last pair. The British cannot be self-righteous; we saw the same at Muirfield in the British Open in 1987, when Faldo beat Paul Azinger, and in the Ryder Cup at The Belfry when Great Britain and Europe first won in 1985.

The characteristic, raucous enthusiasm for Watson was to be expected; especially when, having fallen from ten under par at the 10th, where he birdied with a 12-foot

putt, to seven under by the 12th, when he was in the water, he eagled the 13th and 15th to share the lead with Woosnam and Jose-Maria Olazabal, playing one holeahead, on 11 under.

The antipathy towards Woosnam, however, was wretched; on the other hand, it served to make him even more determined. "The more aggressive I am," he said afterwards, "the better I play."

At the par-four dog-leg 5th—similar to the Road Hole at St Andrews, according to Dr Alister Mackenzie, the designer—Woosnam



The banner and a grand view of the Augusta clubhouse

had gone 12 under for the second time with a 10-foot first putt and Watson's miss from three feet set him back to nine under. At the short 6th a spectator was calling "double bogey" as Woosnam, the back of his navy shirt dark with sweat under the fierce sun, addressed his first putt from 40 feet above the pin. He bogeyed; and, in front, Olazabal birdied the 7th to join him on 11 under.

Woosnam hit possibly the longest drive of the week, over 280 yards,

The colourful but partisan crowd on the 18th hole



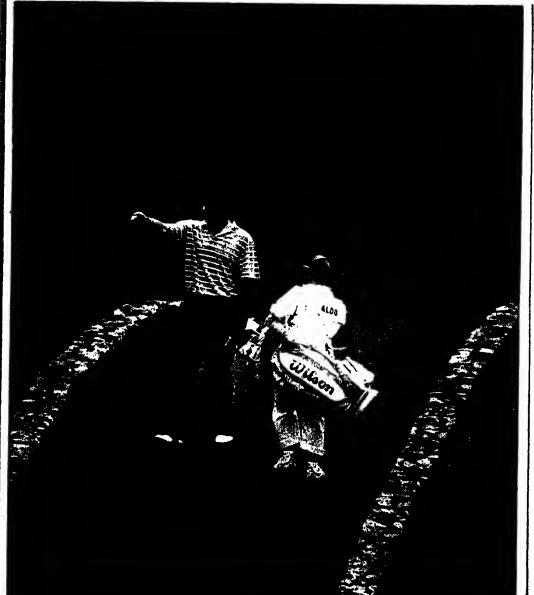
down the 9th fairway, then pitched 140 yards to within 11 feet and holed, to return to 12 under...and there was barely a ripple of applause from the packed gallery.

For 20 years, Woosnam had said beforehand, he had watched the final back nine as a bystander.

Former champion Nick Faldo and his caddle Fanny Sunesson walk over Haes Creek bridge during the final round of the Masters Now he went into it with a lead that he would hold, during two days, for a total of 27 holes. And he was impatient. "I wanted to know the result," he said. "It felt like I was out there for ten hours."

It was not impatience that cost him a shot at the 10th, where he chipped from off the green to 4 1/2 feet and missed—Watson birdied from 12 feet—but it may have been at the 13th. With two pairs stacked in front of them, he and





### Spectators like them never miss the action at Augusta...but at times they too need to rest their weary limbs

Watson had more than 20 minutes to sit on the tee and think—Watson about the loss of three shots on the previous two holes.

Woosnam wanted to get it all over. Watson was reckoning, he said, that eagles at the long 13th and 15th would put him back in the hunt. Indeed they did Woosnam, conversely, greedy on his own admission for another huge drive such as he had hit at the 13th on the second day, pulled his drive low in to the trees and the brook. The crowd disgracefully cheered and he was lucky to get away with a six at the hole where Azinger had a ten last vear.

On the 14th tee, someone shouted disparagingly at Woosnam that Augusta "isn't a links course" The fatherly Watson quietly advised him to "just think what's happening in front of the tee, not behind it". On the only hole without

#### Aliens At Augusta

looks as though the American's don't like it when European golfers hold sway on the major championships on US soil. Recently at the Augusts Masters they gave vent to their feelings.

That golf spectators can indulge in misbehaviour is unthinkable. But true. The Masters this year surprisingly witnessed this sort of partisan behaviour. The American public behaved decently on the first two days because the leader board had American names on top. But the' moment those names changed, the crowd became partisan. They jeered when the "aliens" fouled up.

Woosnam, who gave a superlative

performance on the back nine on the third day to take a stroke's lead over the more experienced Tom Watson at 205, the Americans sulked. But the more they misbehaved the more Woosnam became determined to play better. When the Welshman pulled his drive into a creek deep in the trees on the 13th fairway, there was joy for the spectators."They cheered when my ball went in there," moaned Woosnam.

But Woosnam was too concerned about his game to be affected by this. His wife Glendryth, who is expecting their third child in September, had come to Augusta and she walked the length of the course

hearing things about her hubby. "I didn't mind that so much (she couldn't get a clear view of his win)as some of the talk out there. I had to close my ears or else it could have got to me. You have to walk on if they are saying bad things about your husband."

Enter Nick Faldo. But it wasn't Faldo's day. And when the outgoing champion helped Woosnam get into the vaunted green jacket, the new champion complimented Faldo: "I know what Nick is capable of. He knows what I'm capable of. Perhaps in a month's time when we meet again at the US Open at Hezeltime National Chaska it might be a different story."

When Faldo knew that it was all over for

him at Georgia, he went into the locker room and scribbled on a piece of paper: "Good luck, go out and win it."

With this Masters triumph Woosnam is now likely to earn more than \$5 million from commercial contracts. Also the time has come for him to concentrate more on glory. Trouble is, Woosnam is too obssessed with money and he may not find the time to participate in all the other major championships. With the incredible consistency he has shown this season Woosnam should monopolise the majors. Especially since he now made the big break.

A Correspondent

bunkers, they each had par.

Approaching the 15th, where Olazabal had just returned to 11 under, Watson hit the best short iron of the week to within five feet from 180 yards.
Woosnam counteracted Watson's eagle with a birdie and there were three on 11 under.

With the skies overcast, the air heavily humid, the last pair held par on the 16th and 17th every shot of Watson's received clamorous applause. Beside the fairways and around the greens, it was like rush hour on the Underground and difficult to move. The

Watson's graciousness was the more important to Woosnam, given the extreme partisanship exhibited by the huge following that progressively swelled, hole by hold, behind the last pair...

gentle Mrs Woosnam was standing midway between the 17th tee and green in a daze of

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anxiety, distressed by the hostility from the spectators.

While Watson was driving into trees at the 18th and Woosnam somewhere into no man's land between the 8th and 9th fairways, over and beyond the crowd-calculatedly, he would say, to clear the 18th fairway bunkers-Olazabal, going from one bunker to another, was taking a bogey. Now there were two in the lead with one green to play.

Watson's second went into sand; Woosnam's via a gully carved by security men through the dense crowd, reached the lip of the green Watson splashed 25 feet past the pin: Woosnam putted to within seven feet. When Watson's downhill putt rolled past, those seven feet separated Woosnam from his place in history, nine years after he almost gave up tournament play in dismay. He put his head down, stroked the ball and, three feet from the hole, "I knew it was in"

"Perhaps," he reflected afterwards, "they'll now be able to say my name right. Maybe, even spell it correctly." Regrettably, there are plenty of Americans who do not want to say it at all.

**David Miller** Courtesy The Times

#### THRISSUR

#### **Federation Basketball**

TATA Iron and Steel Company, Jamshedpur and FACT, Udyogamandal emerged the men's and women's champions in the recently concluded Federation Cup basketball tournament held at Thrissur.

In the final, TISCO met the Central Reserve Police Force. After an initial hesitation, the TISCO attack began to function well and they won the match easily

In the women's section, FACT had a close victory over Eastern Railway, (58-57)

P. Venu Govinda Kumar

#### HISAR

#### **National Judo**

JUDOKAS from Haryana stressed their supremacy in clear terms in the 14th National Judo championship at the Mahabir Stadium in Hisar.

Hosts Haryana bagged four golds, two silvers and six bronze medals Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) with three golds, three silvers and one bronze and Delhi with two golds, two silvers and a bronze were second and third respectively.

In the men's open, Cawas Billimoria of Maharashtra won the gold through a walkover from Sandip Bayala who got the gold in the 71 kg. weight catagory.

In the women's section,
International Judoka Sumita
Thakur of Karnataka overcame
Ritu Sharma of Haryana in 45
seconds in the open weight. It was
Thakur's second gold.

Haryana's Anita, in her national debut defeated Rajni of Punjab in the below 48 kg. weight category.

Ramesh Kumari, also of Haryana, created a major upset by overcoming South Asian gold medallist M.W. Triveni of Karnataka in the below 52 kg.



The FACT women's team which won the Federation Cup

weight category. Ramesh had also entered for the first time in the senior Nationals.

Tilak Thapa of the CRPF and Ramesh Kumarı of Haryana were declared the most promising Judokas.

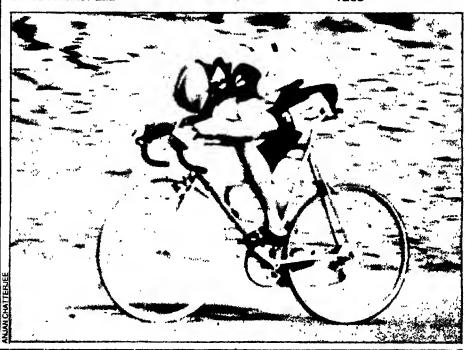
Suresh Kumar Lau

#### JAMSHEDPUR

#### State Cycling

THE Bihar State cycling championship, recently

Sarbax Singh of Bihar Police was the winner of the 80 km road race



organised by the Bihar Cycling Association here, saw the overall team championship won by the South Eastern Railway but the individual championship in the main 80-kilometre road race went to Sarbax Singh of Bihar Police. The 18-year old Sarbax was trailed far behind by Navjeet Singh of Tata Steel, who, however, made his mark in the shorter distances

Patronised by Tata Steel, the event, according to Amar Singh. the Arjuna Awardee coach of the Tata Steel squad and Hony Secretary of the Association, was the first of its kind in the State

**Anjan Chatterjee** 

#### BOMBAY

#### Garware Club Billiards

THE finals of both the billiards and snooker events in the BCA Garware Club tournament turned out to be a re-enactment of what transpired at the recent nationals". in Calcutta The national champions, Subhash Agrawal and Yasin Merchant won their billiards and snooker titles respectively, with convincing ease. For the two, it was just a re-affirmation of their hold over their respective events. particularly in the last 12 months

But if Yasin had a clearcut 6-2 verdict over Alok Kumar, who had also finished runner up to him in the nationals, it was as much because of his opponent's prodigality, as his own resourcefulness.

Alok had numerous chances which he could have turned to his advantage but his game was marked by a conspicuous lack of acumen. His cue-ball positioning. his choice of colours left a lot to be desired which aborted many a promising opening.

Yasin was not at his best, but he seems to have mastered the art of bringing off the right shots when the situation demands. As evidenced in the seventh frame, when despite conceding 23 points in aways, inspite of being



#### Subhash Agarwal was the winner in the Garware Club billiards

frustrated by snookers in four consecutive occasions, he turned the tables on his opponent. He got back with two snookers on the green, took the crucial brown, blue and pink, and as the match headed for a black-ball finish, he produced an extraordinary two cushion pot to sink the black in the bottom right from the centre of the top cushion.

On the other side, the Subhash Agrawal juggernaut was relentless as he brushed aside all opposition with disdain. His margin of victory had more to do with his own form than what his opponent had to offer. Youngster Sonic Multani had quite a few lessons to learn after their semi-final duel which Subhash won by 900 points.

In the same tenor he took on Devendra Joshi in the final. It took him a little time to settle down. But once he had struck his cueing rhythm, Joshi remained a mute spectator. Subhash got going about half an hour into the match with a break of 76 in his fifth visit followed by a 110, 191, 215, 111, 163 and 108 besides a

few other half century efforts. Joshi, in contrast, had just one century break in the match

**A Correspondent** 

#### BANGALORE

#### Inter-Medico Meet

KASTURBA MEDICAL COLLEGE (KMC), Manipal emerged the overall champions (athletics and team games) in the Karnataka State Inter-Medical College Sports meet held here recently.

SJMC, Bangalore were the athletics team champions with 48 points, while KMC, Manipal (45 pts) and JSS Medical College, Mysore (38) took the second and third spot.

The highlight of the meet were the triple gold medals won by Jagadish of JSS. Mysore in the 100 m, 200 m and 400 m and two meet records by Mallika of Mysore Medical College in the 200 m and 400 m.

**A Correspondent** 

#### TRIVANDRUM

#### **Sub-Junior National School Games**

RIVANDRUM hosted the 12th Sub Junior National School Games, at the wrong end of the season. Hence the standard suffered West Bengal dominated the three day meet winning the overall championship

Ten meet records were shattered at the Water Works Swimming Pool. But the timing was well below their personal best Tashina Singh (Goa), a gymnast turned swimmer, claimed the girls individual championship She garnered 4 golds which included three records. Tashina broke the two-year-record in the 100 mts and 200 mts freestyle clocking 1:21.63 sec Sheeja Mazumdar (West Bengal) became the fastest girl, clocking 31.09 sec in the 50 mts freestyle

Gopalakrishna Nandı (West Bengal) won the honours in the boys section. He collected 4 golds which included a record breaking performance in the 200m freestyle. Nandi timed 2.23 65 sec. erasing the existing mark by 24 91 sec Nandi's other golds were in the 200m backstroke (2:43 54), 400m freestyle (5.03.35) and  $4 \times 100$  freestyle relay (4:34 90). Butterfly specialist Tapan Das, also of West Bengal, found a new time in both the 100m (1:07 84) and 200 mts (2:39.53).

Sajeev Kumar T.K.

#### MANGALORE

#### Oceania-Asia **Powerlifting**

RJUNA awardee P. K. A Yashodara of Mangalore claimed the gold medal in the 56 kg category at the Oceania vs Asia Powerlifting championship held



#### The West Bengal team won the overall championships at the **National Sub Junior Games**

at Auckland, New Zealand recently. He was also declared the best lifter of the meet

The other gold medalist was Ramesh K Surtim the 52 kg category, India bagged in all 11 medals including two golds and five silvers

#### Michael R. Patrao

P. K. Yashodara was the winner of Oceania Vs. Asia powerlifting championships. He won gold in the 56 kgs event



#### DHANBAD

#### Verma Memorial Cricket

TENTRAL MINE PLANNING & DESIGN INSTITUTE (CMPDI). Ranchi lifted the 1st Randhir Verma Memorial Cricket tournment beating star studded Tata Collieries Sports Associations'Y P Dhawan XI by 56 runs at the local I S.M. ground.

CMPDI captain, Rituraj Sharma won the toss and decided to bat. In the stipulated time of 2 hours 40 minutes, Dhawan XI bowled only 32 overs in which CMPDI amassed 222 runs for the loss of 5 wickets. Ashutosh Sharma (62), Sanjay Sharma (51) and V Bhoombla (49 n.o) were the main contributors for CMPDI.

In reply, despite a good start, Dhawan XI were skittled out for a paltry 166 runs due to some brilliant spin bowling by Rituraj Sharma (4/41), Sanjay Sharma (3/29) and Sarfaraz Ahmed (2/23). Only Sunil Kumar of Dhawan XI played with some authority and made 66 runs.

Later, Prof. Rita Verma, widow of the late Randhir Prasad Verma, ex Suptd. of Police handed over

the glittering trophy to the winning side and the 'Man of the Match' award to Sanjay Sharma of CMPDI for his allround display. Dy. Commissioner of Dhanbad Sri Afzal Amanullah gave away the individual prizes to both the team members.

Om Ranjan Malviya

#### MADRAS

#### **Indian Carrom**

T is a game all of us have played as kids in our home with father, and mother, brother and sister. And throughout our life, the involvement with carroin can never really be totally snapped. In the midst of all our other activities in mid and old age we still love to play a game of carroin. After all it is an indoor a time, its rules are simple and it is inexpensive.

But then carrom is not just a homely pastime. It is now an international sport. And there is an International Carrom. Federation with a Swiss president. The man chiefly responsible for the formation of this association is Bangara Babu, now secretary of the Tamil Nadu Carrom.

Babu hails from Madras and indeed the city is the headquarters of Indian carrom much in the same way as Bombay is the headquarters of Indian cricket and Calcutta the headquarters of Indian football

Tamil Nadu has always been in the forefront in the National championship due to the efforts of players like V Lazar, S. Dilli and Maria Irudayam. But in the Guntur Nationals in March the Tamil Nadu squad put up a performance that was superlative even by their high own standards by winning 14 out of the 18 titles up for grabs. They left their mark on every level-men, women, juniors and sub juniors—for they had earlier dominated in the junior nationals at Delhi and in the sub junior nationals at Dumka (Bihar).



#### The prize winning Tamli Nadu women's team which has won many awards in the National Carrom championships

Among the winners was Maria Irudayam who won the women's title for the third year in a row and for the fifth time in all, and S Anuraju who won the women's singles title becoming the first player from the distaff side to do so from the State. To top it all, Tamil Nadu claimed the team title too. In 20 nationals from 1956 to date. Tamil Nadu has won the team title nine times and have finished runner-up six times.

Thanks to Babu's persistent. efforts the all India Council of Sports as it was then known, granted recognition to carrom in the late sixties. Babu then went all over the country in an effort to make carrom popular outside the south and very soon a strong base had been laid in Maharashtra. In the seventies, in fact Maharashtra vied with Tamil Nadu for top honours at the nationals and they produced one outstanding player in Subash Kambli who won the men's title a record five times—a record just equalled by Maria Irudayam.

Babu also took the initiative to make carrom a grass roots level

sports. Like in any other sport, Babu realised that the motto 'catch them young' applied to carrom too

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#### RANCHI

#### Inter-District Cricket

JAMSHEDPUR won the Suraj Devi Inter-District women's cricket championship when they defeated the hosts Ranchi by 103 runs in the last round robin league match played here recently.

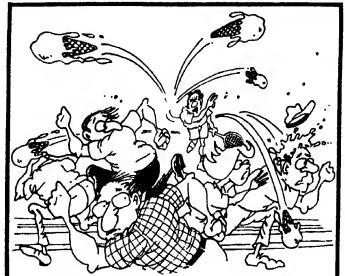
At the Ranchi Women's College ground Jamshedpur, batting first scored 213 runs for seven wickets in the limited 40 overs match Captain Madhu Singh made 57 with ten boundaries. Seema Desai scored 58 runs with seven boundaries and two sixes in this match. The most successful bowler from Ranchi Sunita Lodha took three wickets giving 27 runs.

In reply Ranchi made 110 runs only in 35.2 overs.

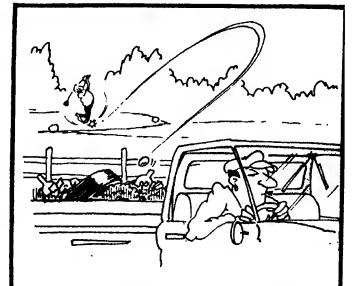
The newly elected president of the Bihar Women's Cricket Association Mrs. Manika Mishra distributed the prizes.

**Anil Kumar Singh** 

#### SPORTS HALL OF SHAME



DURING A TENNIS MATCH WITH DEON JOUBERT IN
THE 1982 DUTCH OPEN, BAD BOY ILLE MASTASE
BLEW UP OVER A LINESMAN'S CALL. HE SUDDENLY
SNATCHED A TRAYOF COMES FROM AN ICE CREAM
VENDOR AND BEGAN THROWING THAN IN THE
CROWD! NASTASE THEN SMEARED ICE CREAM
ON A REFEREE. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS WERE
SO SHOCKED AT NASTASE'S BEHAVIOR THAT
THEY FORGOT TO PENALIZE HIM.



PLAYING THE FAMOUS ST. ANDREWS COURSE IN 1954, HARRY LEACH LAUNCHED THE LONGEST DRIVE IN GOLF HISTORY — WITH A LITTLE HELP. LEACH'S FIRST-HOLE TEE SHOT LANDED IN THE BACK OF A RUBBISH-FILLED TRUCK THAT WAS MOTORING ALONG A ROAD NEXT TO THE FAIRWAY. THE BALL WOUND UP A MILE AWAY AT THE TOWN DUMP.

#### **MILESTONES**

LOST: Kamlesh Mehta to Johny Huang of Canada 21-3, 21-12, and 21-17 in the final of the 10th Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship held at Nairobi. RECORD SET: By Wang Huei-Chen of Chinese Taipei, in the 100 mts dash in The Phillipine International Athletics. She set a new Asian timing by clocking 11.5 sec. VOTED: Manchester.

VOTED: Manchester, as Britain's choice to bid for the Olympics in the year 2000.
RESIGNS: Former

soccer idol, Zico, from his job as the sports secretary to the Brazilian government. He was in office for just a little more than a year.

UPHELD: A two year doping suspension that was imposed on the world shot put record holder Randy Barnes. He tested positive on Aug. 7 1990.

GRANTED: MCC membership to the British Prime Minister John Major. Normally he would have become a member only after



18 years, because of the long waiting

ELECTED: Dr Ali Bacher as the first Managing Director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa. ADMITTED: By Maradona that he occasionally used to take drugs. ELECTED: B. Shivanthi Adityan. as the President of the IOA, the apex sports body in the country. WON: By Sergi Bruguera of Spain the Monte Carlo

Bruguera of Spain the Monte Carlo Open tennis. He defeated Boris Becker 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 and 7-6 in the final.

#### QUIZ/CHESS/BRIDGE

#### QUIZ

#### **QUESTIONS**

- . What is a 'shooter' in cricket?
- What is common to A.A. Baig, M.A.K. Pataudi and A.H. Kardar?
- Who captained the Commonwealth cricket team which toured India in 1949-50?
- 4. Which was the first Test match at Kanpur?
- 5 Who were the first-ever winners of the European Cup in soccer?
- 6. With what sport is the Hungary Cup associated?
- 7 Lee Trevino became the first man to win three national golf tilles in four weeks. Which were they?
- A footballer gained his first England cap at the age of 38. Name him.
- 9 Is there a limit to the number of clubs allowed in golf?
- 10 Who originated the idea of football pool betting system in England?

#### **ANSWERS**

- A ball that fails to rise after pitching.
- All of them are Oxford Blues (in cricket)
- 3. Jock Livingston (Australia).
  - 4. The fourth Test match (unofficial) between Commonwealth and India in 1949-50
- 5. Real Madrid
  - Table Tennis. (It is the European team championship trophy for men).

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- 7. The U.S., the Canadian and the British Open.
- 8. Leslie Compton (in 1950).
  - 9. Yes.
    - 10. J. Jervis Bernard.

#### CHESS

For talent spotters there is no tournament as fruitful as the Soviet Young Masters, an invitational affair held annually Every top Russian player of the current era (including Karpov, Kasparov, Ivanchuk, Gelfand, Yusupov and Dreev) has played here before they became famous.

World Under-18 champion IM Vladimir Akopjan was pushed into second spot by untitled Artashes Minnasian in the last edition of the meet. Here is a fighting draw.

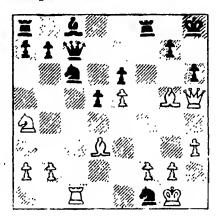
White Akopjan Vs Black

Ulibin, Minsk. '90
1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 c3
c5 6 Bd3 Nc6 7 Ne2 cd4 8 cd4 f6 9 ef6 Nxf6
10 Nf3 Bd6 11 0-0-0-0 12 Bg5 Qb6 12 Nc3 Kh8.
A heavy theoretical variation of
the Tarrasch French. Black has
often tried 13—Bd7 14 Re1 Kh8
with mixed results

14 Na4 Qc7 i5 Rc1 Ng4 i6 h3 Nh2! i7 Ne5!? White could have tried 17 Nxh Bxh2 18 Kii1 Then Black might play 18 Bf4 19 Qh5 g6 20 Bxf4 Rxf4 21 Bxg6 Rxd4 with wild complications

17—Bxe5 18 de5 Nxfi 19 Qh5 h6 (See Diagram) 20 Bf6!? White could well have gone for 20 Qg6 Rf5 21 g4 with an insane position where he has a strong attack. Now a draw becomes the likeliest option.

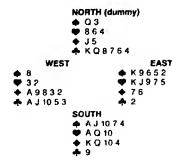
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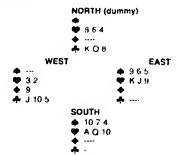
#### BRIDGE

Among the best-known pairs from South India in the early Eighties were my friends, the Karnataka bridge-twins A S Viswanathan and h.C. Mishra, popularly known as 'Vish and Mish' They studied, worked and played bridge together, representing India in 1982. Mishra has since given up tournament bridge but Vishu has lost neither his jest for the game nor, as today's hand from last

year's Chemplast tournament in Metturdam, Tamilnadu, shows, any of his skill:



Playing in 3 NT, declarer Vishu, on winning the diamond lead with dummy's jack, pulled the queen of spades, covered by the king and ace. A second high spade brought the bad news as West painlessly discarded a club, giving South the impression that he had five of them. Next came a low club from hand and West pounced with the ace, confirming Vishu's earlier suspicion (else he might be settling up dummy's clubs if south had two), and continued with a diamond Declarer won and played a diamond right back as West won and put him back with a fourth round of the suit, East pitching two hearts. This was the position



Placing East with the king of hearts in view of West's failure to overcall despite having a 5-5 hand with two aces. Visitu exited at this stage with the queen of hearts. East won and was end-played for the first time. He elected to return the heart nine and declarer guessed right by finessing the ten. Now came the heart ace, stripping East of his last exit, and then the spade four, end-playing East a second time for the last two tricks.

Santanu Ghose

# INTERMEDIATE ABDOMINAL WORK

O carry on with the abdominal special we're in the midst of, let's move onto the intermediate region. That means all you guys who've done some gutbusting but not as much as you should actually be doing.

We know abdominal workouts are about the most difficult to psyche yourself for In fact, we know of many fitness enthusiasts who actually shy away from abs exercises. And the only reason is that they don't give immediate results. The pain's there. all right. But not the satisfying feel of a muscle filling with blood and swelling to its fullest size Hence. disbelievers - and there are many vell that it's not worth their while to crank out all those boring sit-ups

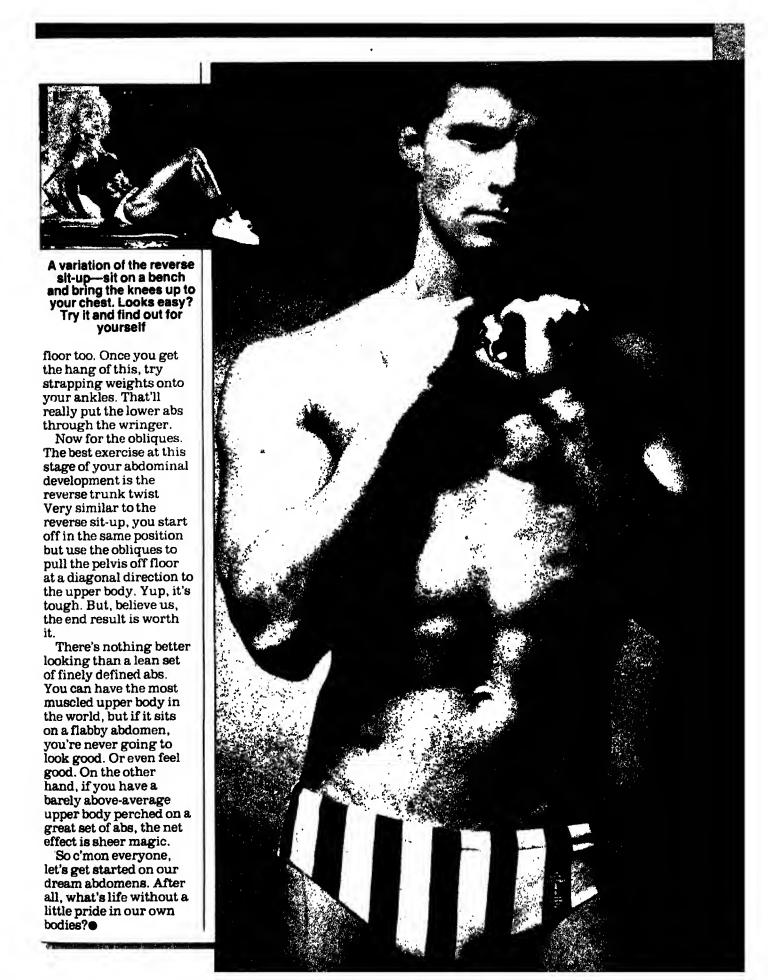
But if you do believe that those beautifully chiselled abs we see on the champs are the product of hard work, then we're willing to show you the way. How eagerly you romp down abdominal avenue is up

to you. however.



At the intermediate level, the best exercise for the upper abs is the 45' sit-up done on a decline board. Lie back on a board that is not too steeply angled, and curl yourself up. Don't just come up stiffly from the waist, or it'll be the hip flexors that do the work.

For the lower abs, try the reverse sit-up. Lie back, arms over your head, and lift your bent legs off the floor, bringing the knees up to your chest. At the top of the lift, you should be curling the pelvis off the







Receiving the *prasad* from the priest after her visit to the temple



Usha visits the temple asking for God's biessings before the marriage ceremony. Her demeanour is solemn and serious, a distant, meditative look in her eyes. Peering from behind her right shoulder is her sister Suma

### <sup>2</sup>.T. Usha wed V. Srinivasan on April 25th at Calicut, Kerala. UTPAL SORKAR captures the moments for history







The bridal couple In ali their finery. Srinivasan is simple, humble but yet has a mischevious glint in his eyes. He gave the impression of being a highly intelligent man; and perhaps Usha has met her match in him.

Susie Antony, who owns a beauty parlour, does the make-up for Usha



Usha goes shopping for wedding sarees with her sisters Shobha (extreme ieft) and Suma



Decked in gold! Our nation's premier athlete who has won more than 30 golds in international competitions now wears gold of a different kind





Usha's guide and mentor
O.M. Nambiar is all
smiles as he blesses the
couple

Tying the mangaisutram which signifies the union between man and woman.

Behind Usha stands parents Paytai and Lakshmi

#### A MAN AND HIS SPORT

Aren't easily parted

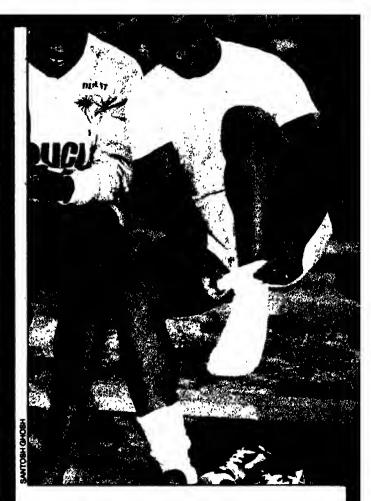
E's down. He's out. But there's one thing he isn't; it's disillusioned with the sport that's made him a legend. Spending his time back home in Argentina now, Diego Maradona is catching up on all the things he didn't get time for when he was king of the soccer field. Like he puts it, "I want to start-living. To take my daughter and wife for walks, be with my mother or go fishing with my father".

That doesn't mean he's not keeping in touch with soccer though. Spending a weekend on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, Maradona was driving with some friends when they passed a group of small boys kicking a football around in the rain. Maradona immediately stopped the car, jumped out and joined the game in his street clothes. And thoroughly enjoyed himself.

You can throw him out. You can ban him. But you can't separate a man and his passion.

They can't ban Maradona from playing with kids. Or can they?





Milia can dance...but can he sing?

#### MILLA'S MAKING MUSIC

Off the soccer field

ARADONA'S not the only soccer star who's hogging the headlines. Roger Milla, star of the fairytale that was Cameroon's run at Italia 90, is in the news too. But on a much more positive note, though. Cashing in on his fame, the ageing striker is now about to release a record! Still untitled, the record is rumoured to include the track that should say it all—it's called The Milla Love.

Others making the news are Bebeto and Josimar of Brazil. The diminutive striker Bebeto feels he was the target of a kidnap plot when four men staked out his house in a car. But they drove away in a big hurry when Bebeto, who says he was forewarned, turned up with a police escort. As for Josimar, he was arrested in Rio for possession of drugs but escaped...and hasn't been seen since!

What gives?



BAD workman always blames his tools. But what if he doesn't have his tools anymore? Well, Stephen Hendry ain't no bad workman—hey, he's the world professional snooker champion—but he almost ended up going into the world championship without his tools.

Playing one of the



Is Hendry minus cue like King Arthur minus Excellbur?

#### RIGHT ON CUE

Is that Stephen Hendry's secret weapon?

warm-up tournaments prior to the world

championships at Sheffield, Hendry left

his cue-one he's been using ever since he took up snooker as a profession—in a practice hall only to have it stolen by some light-fingered chap. Desperation set in; and a reward of £10,000 was offered by the world champ. Seems like the generous offer did the trick, 'cos the cue was soon restored to its owner...and the money collected.

Hendry thinks he's the hottest thing on green baize today: "If I play as well as I know I can, I don't think anyone is capable of beating me. That's not being big-headed, just truthful". But then, why get so desperate about a mere cue, Mr Hendry?



#### **CRICKET'S LOSS**

Might be football's gain

LL you folks who think Kapil Dev is just a cricketer, please feel free to think again. This is one guy who is so multi-faceted, that he makes Daley Thompson look like a rookie. In Calcutta recently to play the Ranji Trophy semi-finals against Bengal, the allrounder was approached by some Mohammedan Sporting officials, secretary Mir Mohammad Omar among them, to be part of their centenary celebrations next year. Part of the deal was to don the black-and-white jersey and take the soccer field for a short while during the many matches planned.

But Kapil was one step ahead. Having expressed his desire to play first division soccer in Calcutta a long time ago, he immediately jumped at the offer...but with one condition. He wants to play the full duration of the matches!

Knowing this guy's tremendous fitness—you've gotta see him kick around guys on the squash courts—the Subrotos and Sudips are going to have a tough time keeping Kapil in check.

Will Kapil be playing soccer for Mohammedan. Sporting?

#### HAT was Kapil Dev doing at Tangra (Calcutta's China

Town) after

the third day's play of the Haryana-Bengal Ranji semi-final match? Celebrating his team's performance, naturally, with some of the finest Chinese cuisine in the

country.

With the complicated over-rate laws and quotient clauses that the Ranji Trophy is now burdened with, it was nice to see a relaxed Ranji skipper. After his team had made only it's second entry into a Ranji championship round Kapil sounded relieved that they had won "outright" and not by quotient. Rather amusing, considering its a win by first innings lead that's being termed outright.

Kapil's remark could have been made sarcastically, keeping in mind

Bengal's competence to win matches on the quotient rule. On the other hand, he might have genuinely meant what he had said. And Kapil would be the first to admit that he ain't into calculators and formulas, unless of course when it comes to business deals. For someone who plays his cricket spontaneously, wonder how Kaps feels in an age when a Ph.D in maths and a diploma in computers would serve a Ranji captain in good stead? Yes, that's what our premier national tournament has come to.

Take for instance the prestigious Delhi-

Bombay quarter-final match which Bombay won by a one-run first innings lead. When Dethi were 380 for 8, ten runs short of Bombay's first innings total, Pombay were still an over short of the required over rate. If Delhi had the likes of a brains trust which includes Arun Lal, they would have won the match.

How, you ask? Very simple. If Delhi declared at that point, they would have got twelve penalty runs to go two runs ahead of Bombay. Instead, by playing till the end, Delhi lost by a run. Delhi's manager Vinay Lamba defended the mistake by saying he did not sit with calculators and that the game had to be played in the spirit of the game.

What he forgot to mention was that while the action on the field was hotting up, DDCA officials were sitting in an air-conditioned room discussing Indian Air lines schedules for their team's semi-final against Hyderabad. On the other hand, Bombay's manager Hemant Waigankar sat out in the scorching sun, instructing his team about the required over rate.

Waigankar revealed that with Bombay one over short of the required over rate, bowler Lalchand Rajput actually decided not to try for a wicket in his over, since Delhi would have won thanks to the 12 penalty runs, even though they were all-out, one short of the Bombay total.

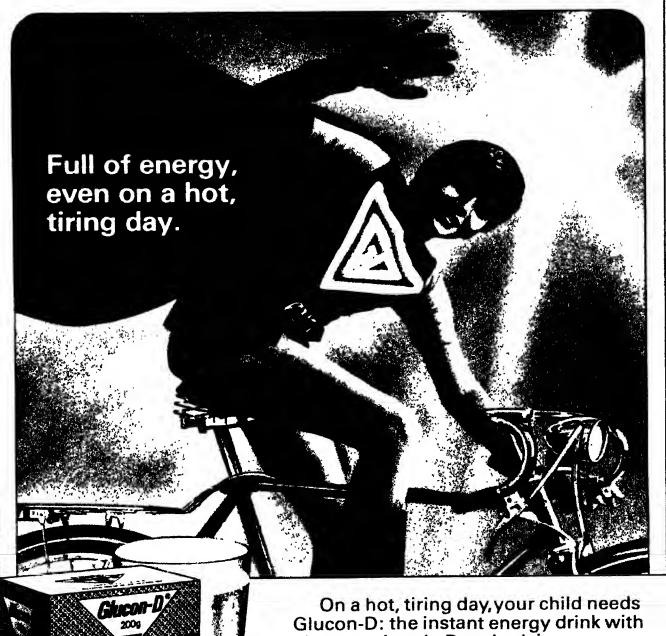
With seven of their players jittery to get across to England to honour summer contracts; Delhi had a decent, if somewhat farfetched excuse, for losing the game. But losing a game because you didn't use your brains and declare in time is inexcusable. Spirit of the game be damned! As long as you are playing within the rules, you are adhering to the spirit of the game.

Now, could anyone blame Kapil Dev and Sanjay Manjrekar if they had secretly smuggled a calculator each in their kit bags for the Ranji final earlier this week at Bombay.

Ranji Trophy rules da jawaab nahin, eh Kapil?



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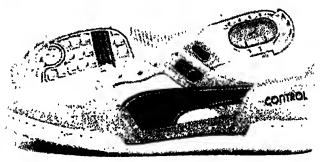
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**COVER STORY** 



#### **COVER STORY**

HERE are actually a few posers that one could direct at the Bombay Ranji Trophy team. You know, the kind of irrelevant questions that come straight off the noggin'. The kind of questions that do not revolve around you-know-who. Questions like...

Why is Sanjay Manjrekar—a junior compared to the ranks of

Vengsarkar—captaining the side? It's simple. The Bombay selectors seem to feel that he should, and when he scored that 377 against Hyderabad you feel that the decision is justified.

So just why isn't paceman Salil Ankola getting wickets? "Well, the pitches aren't helping me so much," Ankola states matter of factly. "And then again you need to have a bit of luck for all that sort of thing," he adds. Does Ankola think he can go to Australia? "Taking wickets matters and I'm not getting any," he confesses. The resigned smirk and silence from him are answer enough.

And does Vinod Kambli (who thinks he's a real dude) ever seem to feel that his loud, flashy sense of dressing or his snazzy manner of doing things, ever reflect on his batting? Well, his two centuries against Hyderabad and his authentic impersonations of Gladstone Small certainly seem to testify that.

But wait: Before you guys even think that we're diverting slightly from the main theme, let me explain. With the Bombay cricket team—as with any other cricket team—peripheral minidramas play themselves out all the time. But on the main stage there is still only one protagonist, one hero and above all, only one significant question: How is Sachin Tendulkar doing?

And the answer is: very well, thank you. Last month, Sachin turned 18. Big deal, we hear you say. Everyone in Bombay turns 18. True, but does everyone (repeat everyone!) in Bombay want to know what you did on

your 18th birthday? No sir, and therein the difference. The whole country knew that Sachin Tendulkar turned 18 on the 24th of April. Yes, but did they know that with it he made a small but important switch: Sachin Tendulkar became a man!

Time for Sachin Tendulkar is a four letter word. It is almost so

there after the day,'s play.".

Travelling all the way from Calcutta just for half an hour! He was requested to fall his elder brother Ajit to the phone and the glib talk had started from our end. After a great deal of wheeling-dealing, promises for a lengthy appointment (by Sachin's standards: one hour) were made. Buoyed up these guarantees, one



Sachin with his car, the only thing he's crazy about

hard to come by, and almost always has a price tag attached to it...NOW! He'd much rather practise with you at nets, than spare a full hour for an interview.

"No not on this day, not on that," he argued when asked to spare some time. And then just as suddenly, said, "Why don't you come on the 27th (April) to Bombay (the call was from Calcutta) and maybe I could spare you half an hour. I'll be staying with the team at the Wankhede Stadium so you could meet me

It has been rumoured that he has been signed on by Power sports to endorse their products for a staggering Rs. 19 lakhs, making him the highest paid sportsman in the country. Sachin negates these rumours dismissing them as false. "It just came out in the papers but we

arrived in Bombay to meet the teenage sensation.

He may not be tall enough but when he walks up to you, you cannot help but look up to him. So this is the guy, half of India raves about? Sachin Tendulkar carries the baggage of celebrityhood rather well. He does not buckle down under its weight. And no, he does not apologise for coming late. A true star never does.

One can't help taking a good long look at him as he too studies you with a naked curiosity. Then almost suddenly, he sticks out a chubby paw. The hand may be shaped like that of a little boy's, but the grip is sure and firm. That of a man's.

"Hi I'm Sachin, How are you." The intros over, he settles down.

The guy is just about old enough to vote and he is also eligible for a driver's license. For that matter, he may occasionally be allowed to see an adult film. Keeping these perks that come with the transition to adulthood

in mind, did he at any time feel that something had changed for him? A change that comes almost imperceptibly with adulthood?

Yes, something has changed," he whispers excitedly as if revealing a well kept secret. But then just as suddenly he is nonplussed, finding it difficult to explain this phenomena.

'I can feel it, but I can't quite

place it. Basically after 18, I feel that I've matured a lot. I feel more confident...I can't seem to explain it." His eyes seem to put up some kind of a struggle but he finishes resignedly as if giving one the option to understand. He is not exactly a self conscious, awkward

Sachin carries the baggage of celebrityhood rather well

adolescent. But then for that matter neither is he the typically sophisticated worldly wise Bombayite.

We barely get down to talking when Bombay's captain designate, Sanjay Manjrekar gives the call for nets. A few of the Bombay guys start ribbing the little one', whose face turns red with embarrassment. "You don't have to come for practise Sachin, you can sit and talk to this gentleman. Really it's not important," they say as he starts to get up. The sarcasm works and Sachin is up like a shot.

"Err, excuse me. If you don't mind, I'll just go for nets. I should be back in half an hour." So saying he was gone.

A good 15 minutes go by. Sachin's practise is over and he is now giving the others some fielding practise. A few of the Bombay lads are standing around in a circle and he is hitting the ball to them. One noticeable figure is that of Dilip Vengsarkar who was responsible for Sachin's getting into the Bombay Ranji team, two years back. Sachin hits the ball to Dilip who picks it up and throws it back with a smile. Practise is over and the Bombay openers go out to bat on the fifth and final day of the Ranji Trophy semis. The result is by now a foregone conclusion. Sachin goes around signing autograph books that are being thrown at him from the stands. He soon returns...

It is as if by chance that Sachin Tendulkar was born in this country. And with due reason too, for it is not everyday that a prodigy comes along. And when he does arrive, he plays the game which has the country going crazy with delirious abandon. In boring times like this, with election fever in the air, and the atmosphere punctuated with the hoarse cries of politicians begging for votes, anything Sachin does is welcomed with open relief.

But how many people have managed to take a peek within? A glance to see whether he is human or not. Does he have any feelings? What sort of a guy is he?

'I'm basically a very reserved





exactly the archetypal rags to riches story but that hasn't stopped people from talking about it. "In our society, everything's fine," he replied gullibly. "People don't talk about these things." His refreshing innocence can be quite startling. But there are the negative aspects of growing up, and it is learning how to overcome them that separates the men from the boys. Boys of his age smoke, drink and maybe even do drugs. Maybe he might have succumbed to those temptations, maybe he

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still can.

"No, no, never," he corrects.
"I'm absolutely confident that I

won't start drinking or smoking. In fact, the bottle of champagne which I got during my tour to England will never be opened. Because," he states simply, "If I, ever open it and drink from it. I might just like the stuff and if that happens I could get into the habit. So, it'll still be in my cupboard...but closed."

An hour's discussion is almost over, but by now it is clear that Sachin is warming up to the interview. Nevertheless, he has to go and get into his cricketing togs as two Bombay wickets have fallen and soon it might be his turn to go out and bat. He promises, however to carry on the interview from he left off An invitation to come to his house after the match is offered, and accepted. Anything to sit with him in his car and watch him drive. Since there is no scope for further conversation one has a choice of watching a dull day's cricket or telling you more about Sachin.

Which brings us back once again to study the depth of his emotions. The guy does have a few passions in life apart from cricket. But these hobbies are simple and unmistakably boyish. Sachin is crazy about his swanky music system remains at home but addition to his funfilled treasure chest: his car. The music system remains at home but the

Seen here with Dimple Kapadia at a function. Sachin's wary of the film people



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car he cannot do without. If he's not driving in it then he's almost always walking round and round it to see if it's okay. His concern for it is vastly amusing.

He may still speak with a halting tongue, but ask him about the first thing he did when he turned 18 and he settles down to an easy flow of words. "I went "It's mine," he states fiercely and with unabashed pride. "I bought it with my own money."

He bought his own music system too. And he can't help but describe it to you. It's a Kenwood system and has a Sharp compact disc (CD) attached to it. He takes particular pride in telling you all about the Bose speakers. They are

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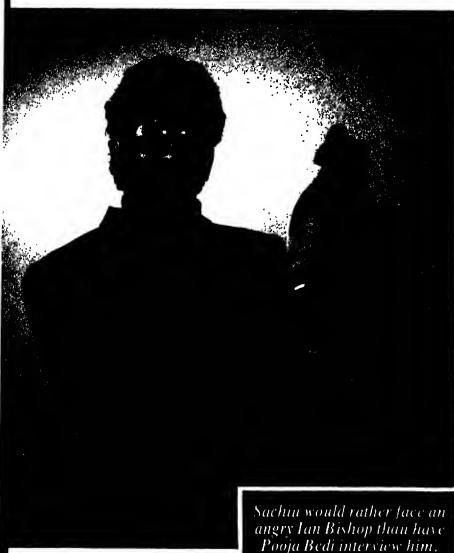
"Very powerful, and the whole thing is on remote," he states as if necessary. And truly so, for when he plays it, the pictures and trophies in his house start shaking. "The system costs around Rs 75,000," he adds with a triumphant smirk. "That's along with the duty and I paid it.

For some families when just buying a two-in-one would suffice just so because audio cassettes are cheaper, Master Tendulkar's cabinet is neatly arrayed with compact discs (CDs). They are placed in alphabetical order and the complete works of groups like. Dire Straits and Pink Floyd are neatly arranged. "I like CDs because of their sound," he says as if not bothered about their expense. Each CD costs around Rs. 450 and Sachin has around 75 of them. Put it together and his music alone could cost in the region of Rs. 33,750. Expensive tastes for an 18-year-old, huh?

The boy's future now seems to be well taken care off. He is now employed. Not that he ever goes to office, but just being on the payrolls of a company is good for the company itself. Sachin signed himself up as an employee of Sungrace-Mafatlal (his sponsors) the day he turned 18. They have not just employed him, but they have bestowed on him a position which probably no 18-year-old middle class boy in the country can boast off. He is the manager of Public Relations and Personnel while a lot of other members in the Bombay team are merely officers for Sungrace.

This amply demonstrates his marketability. His commercial and crowd pulling capacities have also been noticed by the glitzy world of films in Bombay. He has been invited to film mahurats and unfortunately for the stars, walked away with the honours. "He's so sweet," cooed upcoming film actress Raveena Tandon. "It's so nice to know that someone so young is doing so well. Can I meet him?" The question is, will Sachin meet you? The guy dreads public functions like the plague.

"I've got an idea," screamed Pooja Bedi, another actress. "Why don't you let me interview him



straight to the local driving office to apply for my license. You see, I had already filled up my forms before my birthday. I'm just crazy about driving."

Hasn't he ever been stopped by the cops for driving without a license?

"No, never."
And the car, whose is it?
"Huh," he stares incredulously.
The query is repeated.



### Sachin with his family:his source of strength

and carry both of us on the cover Pleecase let me do it "Sorry, but we don't think Sachin could have survived the experience, "Okay, but give him my love anyway," said Pooja Now that's fame for you

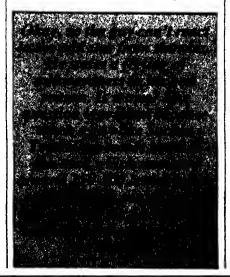
Sachin would rather face an angry Ian Bishop than have Pooja Bedi interview him. Such distractions obviously aren't healthy for one so young. "I am a little awkward with the film people," he confesses. "An actress like say, Raveena Tandon would obviously be in the limelight. I may feel a bit funny in her company. Maybe very embarrassed." Here itself we gauge the extent of his simplicity: he obviously doesn't know how popular he is.

The mounting roar from the crowd is absolutely startling, but unmistakeable. Sachin is coming out to bat. It is not very long before he finds his rhythm and gets going like a well oiled machine. His minings soon comes to an end, more out of his own impetuousity (which has become a subject of discussion among the senior cricketers) than for any bowling genius. But he has done his job and departs after scoring a

highly entertaining 88. There is staccato clapping of hands as he enters the pavilion followed by occasional throaty shouts from the crowd, Bombay had won the match on the fourth day itself but the crowd had come on the fifth day just to watch Sachin bat

It's 4 30 p.m and stumps are drawn. One is back in the players dressing room waiting for the lad After the simple prize distribution, we are ready to leave for Sachin's house. Sachin soon comes out and accompanying him is friend Salil Ankola. They make quite a contrast!

Ankola, a tall strapping lad, well over six feet and terribly



handsome. On the other side was Sachin short, stocky and chubby with curls adorning his head. Almost like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny De Vito in Twins(if you've seen that movie).

The two boys push and shove their, way out of the stadium. Seeing him, the crowd closes in and swallows them totally. One can see Ankola's head emerging now and then, but Sachin is totally invisible. The stadium security guards move in and the crowd soon opens up to let their hero go. The two of them proceed towards Sachin's car Soon the three of us get in and Sachin heaves a sigh of relief. The security guards flank the car as Sachin reverses, straightens and gets out of the stadium and into the hot Bombay traffic

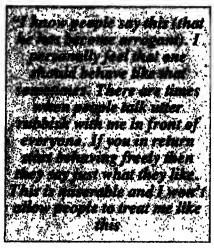
A few feet away, at a traffic signal, he dutifully stops and waits...a man across the road suddenly darts out and wants to touch him. Sachin rolls down the electronically operated window and puts out his hand. The man touches it, smiles and is gone.

Simultaneously the green lights becken and we're moving.

While Sachin zips along at a healthy pace. Ankola is busy looking for a cassette to put into the player. He soon finds one,

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pumps up the volume and waits The strains of Phil Collins singing 'Mama' fill the car. A thin smile forms around Sachin's lips and he yells something out to Ankola in Marathi. While talking, he leans forward opens the glove compartment and takes out a snazzy pair of Ray Ban's. He puts them on and looks at Ankola. Ankola's look is one of appraisal The boy is looking like a man. Sachin suddenly steps on the gas, the sudden generation of speed makes us lurch forward. Soon we're literally eating up the road and on our way to Bandra This is the ultimate macho trip.



Okay, so the guy can't react to the odd star from showbiz. He states a feeling of awkwardness as his best reason. Is it true? The question is prudent because when a guy like Sachin Tendulkar comes home to fan mail which numbers around 250-300 letters in two to three days, you've got to ask yourself (or Sachin) one impertinent question: Who's he kidding?

No one really, he's just giving us the facts. Glamour is a topic which he doesn't seem to take very seriously. And why should he? It is this basic but mature principle which has been the banc of TV producers, film directors and advertaing agencies for sometime now. Sachin Tendulkar is just not buying their line. Or, as he himself puts it "Right now I'm just concentrating on my game first. Maybe later I'll get interested in all these things. So

far, I have done just about two to three ads. Right now I'm not going to do anything. I don't have the time." A pity, for the lad is a veritable goldmine.

While on the subject of time—which as we mentioned earlier is an anachronism for Sachin—there is another topic that suggests itself: privacy. Now that he's made it to the big league, everyone wants to intrude and he knows it Unfortunately, he is helpless to react. React? There are some people who goad him into getting a reaction, so that they can bring his house tumbling down. But sorry, no dice. Sachin's not reacting

"Sometimes it happens, but I don't mind," he says. His voice making it clear that he is hedging.

And what if people push him too hard?

"I can't help it," he says despairingly. "I try to make as much allowances as I can."

But his fans must he irritating him sometimes?

Hc looks down studiously at his dirty Reeboks and swallows as if preparing to betray them. "Yes," he admits suddenly "During situations like when I get out and am coming back to the pavilion. They badger me for autographs. They don't seem to realise what is happening to me. I really get mad at myself when I get out and that's the time my fans should realise that I'm not quite upto it."

We'd just gone past Worli when a rather amusing incident begins to unfold. Earlier one had been harping on Salil Ankola's good looks; now, one came to realise the effect it had on the girls. A swank Maruti flaunting the latest in gadgetry blaring the latest music and accommodating two highly eligible individuals is bound to attract attention from the fairer sex. And so it came to pass.

The Maruti stopped at the lights, and soon a taxi pulled up alongside. It was evident that the cab had been tailing us for a long time and it was evident that two pairs of eyes from the cab were totally riveted on Ankola. Ankola knew it, and relaxed as though it was the thing he enjoyed the most. Sachin's mind registered on



the situation and he stiffened with apprehension. The journalist sitting at the back of the car waiting to lap up this incident, added to the overall drama.

All eyes turned to the cab and the wonder on our faces was greeted by two very pretty smiles. Sachin straightened and proceeded to look straight at the



traffic lights. Ankola, ever chivalrous (mainly because they were looking at him) decided to reciprocate the gesture. A couple of hearts immediately flew out of the window...

The lights said 'Go', and thereafter it was a cat-and-mouse game. The Maruti zipping in and

### With his friend Vinod Kambli. A meeting of talents

out of traffic, the persistent taxi in hot pursuit. The chase (for the females) finally ended when we turned off towards Bandra. One couldn't help stealing a glance as the girls went by, and the last we saw of them, they had smiles covering their faces as they vigorously waved goodbye. Once again things were back to normal, and Phil Collins sounded louder than ever.

"I'm getting married in another 25 days," said Ankola with a nervous laugh.

So what's the problem?
"Nothing, I just thought that you should know," he said smiling. The guy has a great defence mechanism.

We stop at Ankola's house while he goes up to change. The air outside is hot and the air-cooler in the car isn't helping any, by belching out hot air. Sachin realises this, opens the glove compartment a takes out a bottle of Giorgio Armani and sprays it liberally into the cooler. The air smells sweet again. Sachin has not finished yet. Another bottle comes out: this time it's a breath freshener and Sachin takes a few whiffs of it, "Peppermint flavour. One of my hobbies is collecting perfumes," he confesses with great pride. "I have around 35-40 bottles of them. Paco Rabanne. Obsession and Polo. I've got the works." Well, well a little bit of braggirg never hurt anyone.

The incident with the two females still loomed large in my mind and the questions were just waiting to spew forth. Has the guy ever been asked out on dates by girls? Surely it is possible and he has accepted. Besides girls would love to be seen with him.

"Yeah, I've been asked," he stammers. "But still that's not me."

In India and abroad?
"In India and abroad," he states.
Did the girls ask you?

"Obviously," he claims in surprise. "They ring me up all the time and say that they want to meet me."

This is the guy about whom

Tony Greig had once said that he had received hundreds of letters from fans enquiring about the 'smouldering innocent young man from India'. And no girlfriends!

Sachin (blushing), "No not yet. Basically I don't think I have the time for such distractions. Besides, I'm not very interested"

So when is the right time?
"Let's see," he deliberates after a great deal of thought. "It should happen automatically. I don't have to specifically go for it." The topic is laid to rest as his discomfiture is obvious.

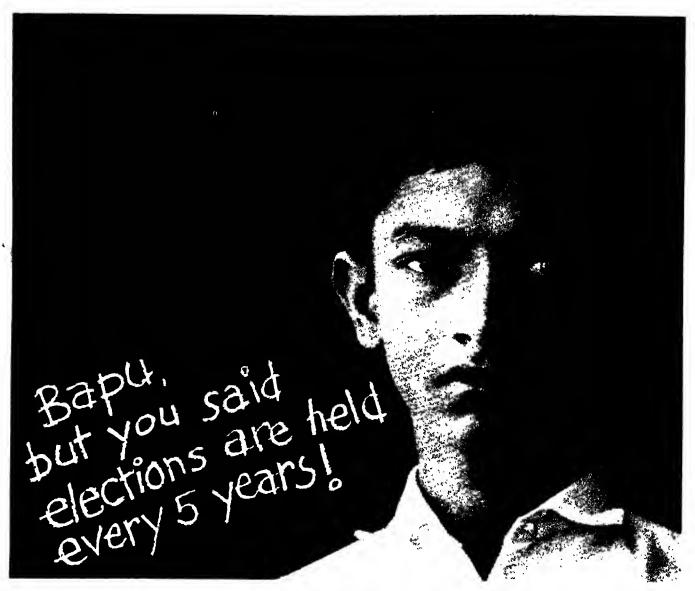
Ankola comes bounding down the stairs. His appearance has undergone a slight alteration. He

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looks fresh and clean after a bath. Sachin and he exchange a few words in Marathi and they both get into the car Soon we're on our way to Sachin's house for a photo-session.

This time there is not much conversation. Both the boys are obviously tired after the day's play To compensate for the silence, the music in the car is pump up really loud, as if trying to form a protective shield around the two boys.

Ankola slides further back into the seat, while Sachin settles down to some driving. One tries to make a remark but is restrained by the look of contentment on their faces. We tune off to the strains of Sachin's favourite soundtrack from the movie. 'Pretty Woman'. We leave in a cloud of dust and to the haunting lyrics of Roxette singing, "It must have been love".



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He has spared more than enough time for me. Good God, he even tuened back his friends when they called him out to play. He has been the perfect host at home; always concerned, always enquiring. The questions I had set out to ask him had by now become exhausted. All but one, and this I had saved up for the finale.

This was, however, not my question. It was the first thing people told me when I had decided to meet him: Sachin Tendulkar has become an arrogant brat! It is time to clarify that now. I do, and proceed to ask him.

Err, people say that you have become arrogant. True?

"I know people say this. I

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personally feel that one should behave like that sometimes. There are times when people talk utter rubbish with me in front of everyone. They say things that don't make any sense. If you in return start behaving freely then

The boy's future now seems to be well taken care off. He is now employed. Not that he ever goes to office, but just being on the payrolls of a company is good for company itself.

Sungrace-Mafatlal have not only employed him, but they have bestowed on him a position which probably no 18-year-old middle class can boast of. he is the manager of Public Relations and Personnel

they say just what they like. This is really miserable and I won't allow people to treat me like that Anyway, I don't retaliate. I just ignore them."

Any specific situations he can recall?

"It happens sometimes" he admitted. "When people can't see someone doing well, they talk negatively. Sometimes even the simple people talk like that. His voice is full of emotion. He realises it, looks up at me and smiles "I'm generally not very emotional, you know," he quips. "You see it's not important." Yeah, sure.

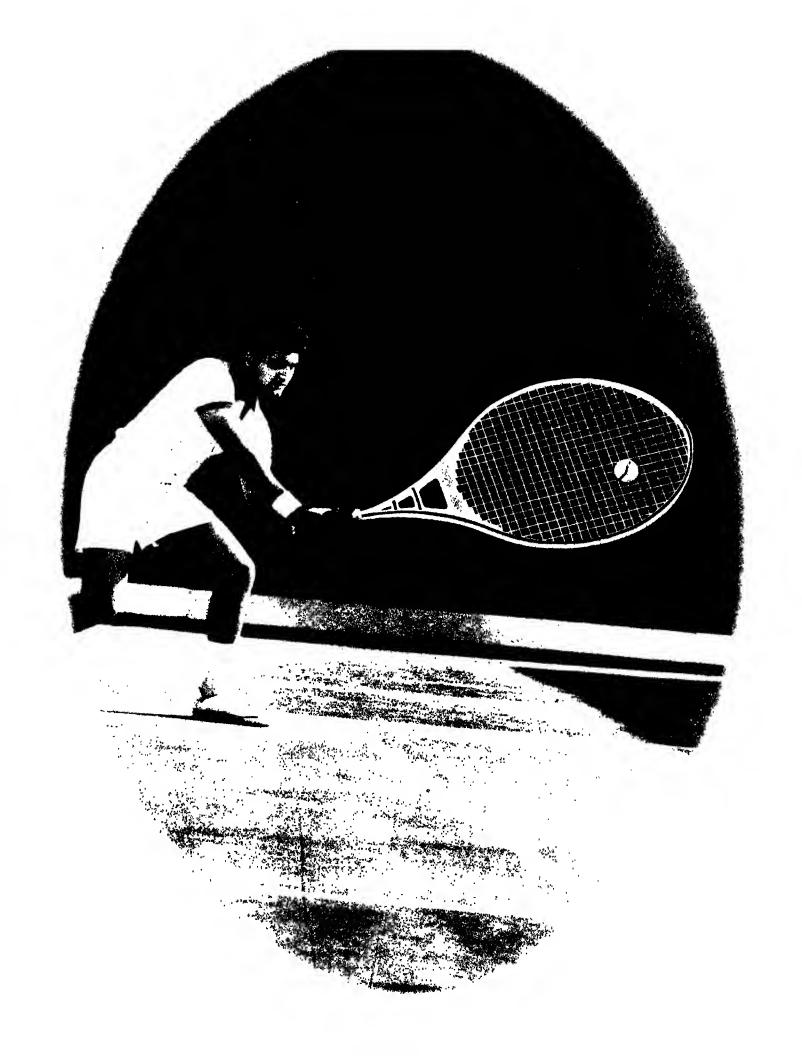
I am standing at the front gate of Sahitya Sahawas (Sachin's colony) waiting for a cab to take me home. The day's events have gone by in a blur and as one tries to recollect, they come rushing back. A taxi stops and rolls down the meter. As the frail engine of the Bombay Frat starts to growl, one cannot avoid an upward glance. And there on the window of the fifth floor is Sachin's cherubic face—tousled hair and all—smiling down at me.



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### OUESTIONS

"Hello! Hello what have we here?" Who said these famous words and relating to which controversial incident?

On two 2. occasions England and Australia played a 'mixed' cricket match. Under what title was it played?

The Benson & Hedges Cup Final between Australia and New Zealand, saw Trevor Chappell bowling an underarm delivery helping his team.win the cup. Who was the unlucky batsman who faced him?

He was born in 4. Kenya, is of Indian origin and spent most of his early life playing English county cricket. He finally played for New Zealand in international cricket. Who are we talking of?

"The beauty of O . d cricket is that a small gentleman can also be a great champion". Who said

these famous words and on which occasion?

What is 6. uniquely common to these

players in regard to batting in Test cricket M.L Jaisimha (in 1960). R J. Shastri (in 1985) of India, G Boycott

### ANSWERS

- It was Richie Benaud on the Channel-9 Network He was referring to the intention of Trevor Chappell to bowl an underarm delivery
- \*Smokers vs Non Smokers
- Brian McKenzie of New Zealand Deepak N Patel the Kiwi offspinner
- 5 Sir Len Hutton said these words as a compliment to Sunil Gavaskar on the latter having reached the 10,000 runs mark in Test cricket
- These four batsmen have batted on all five days of a Test match
- MAK Pataudi of India
- 8 Only once, in Birmingham, against England during the 1967 tour
- Winston W Davis of West Indies who got seven wickets for 51 runs against Australia in the 1983 World Cup
- 10 Bowls, he captained England in the First International Bowls Match in 1903
- Clyde Cumberbatch of West Indies
- The Plunket Shield in New Zealand and The Currie Cup in South Africa
- 13 M A K Pataudi of India 14 Sunil Valson of Delhi
- 15 John Arlott

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(in 1977) of England and Kim J. Hughes (in 1980) of Australia?

Who wrote "You will find it better to play cricket using only one eye"?

How many Tests have Bedi, Prasanna, Chandrashekhar and Venkataraghavan played together?

Who has claimed the most number of wickets in a single One Day International game and against whom?

In what 10. sport, other than cricket did W G Grace represent England?

Who was the umpire who declared Dean Jones run out of a no ball in the recent Test series in the Caribbeano

12. What is the equivalent of the Ranji Trophy in What is the New Zealand?

13. Who only Who is the cricketer to have captained a Test team of which all the other ten players were older than himself?

India won the Prudential World Cup in 1983 marking a new era in its cricketing history Of the 14 members who comprised this squad, one player did not play even a single game throughout this campaign Who was he?

Which famous English commentator contested for a seat to the Parliament in the 1950's?

## VOICES

would just like to say that it is an extraordinary event in my life to have beaten Seb Coe in a race. I'm extremely proud, that they have endorsed us unanimously. We'll go hell for leather in 2000.

BOB SCOTT, the man behind Manchester's bid for the Olympics in the year 2000. Sebastian Coe, was campaigning for London as the venue for the Games.

THERE is bad blood
everywhere in cricket now.
We need something so that
people begin to respect the
game once again. People should
realise that no one is greater
than the game of cricket.
VIV RICHARDS, after he retracted
a statement he made against the
Australian manager Bobby.
Simpson. This series was marred
by many controversies.

Do I believe in God? Well yes.

Do I believe in God? Well yes.

But if everyone prayed to

Him, no one would ever lose.

Him, no one would ever lose.

JENNIFER CAPRIATI on being JENNIFER CAPRIATI.

asked about her faith.

I figured it would be emotional. If thought about all the times we played shirts versus skins, hoping one day to get into the NBA... I cried for all the times I shovelled snow off the walk and practiced hook shots with my Dad. He's the one-he's the only reason why I'm here. MAGIC JOHNSON, when he burst into tears, after he became the National Basketball Association's all time assist leader.

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**TENNIS REPORT** 

# DAVIS CUP: INDIA VS SOUTH KOREA LJUCK By ROHIT BRIJNATH

After two successive defeats, the Indian team held its nerve to edge out a surprisingly resilient South Korean team. The World Group is now just one tie away



New Delhi. Sunday. May 5, 1991. 5 p.m. The operative word is paradox.

Girls in schooldress, don't shriek, but bay poems of adoration. Teenagers with paint, Indian flag colours, streaked across their face have a one word vocabulary: everything is 'unbelievable'. The dressing room is littered with high energy drink tins, yellow Walkmans, and players who can't vote and speak a language that's best called hip. The captain is 63 years old, and he's hip too-clenching fists, pumping his arms. And he's grey, dudes.

This is Indian tennis today—different, young, impetuous, good. It's cool.

But it was also, said a teenager, 'unbelievably' hot. Dry hot,

Krishnan, the quiet, deadly professional



dehydrating hot. A
haze, thick and muggy,
settled like a false
ceiling above the courts.
Which was the reason
why you couldn't see it,
but it was there. See
what? The bright
shining star whose
beam does not leave
Leander Paes. No doubt
about it, there's
somebody up there who
loves him.

Here's why. On the first day, his Krishnan is relaxed, a pro. But he must wonder. In one era he played in Vijay's shadow. Now is his thunder being stolen again? On the last day, they carried Leander, when for a shot here or there it might have been him

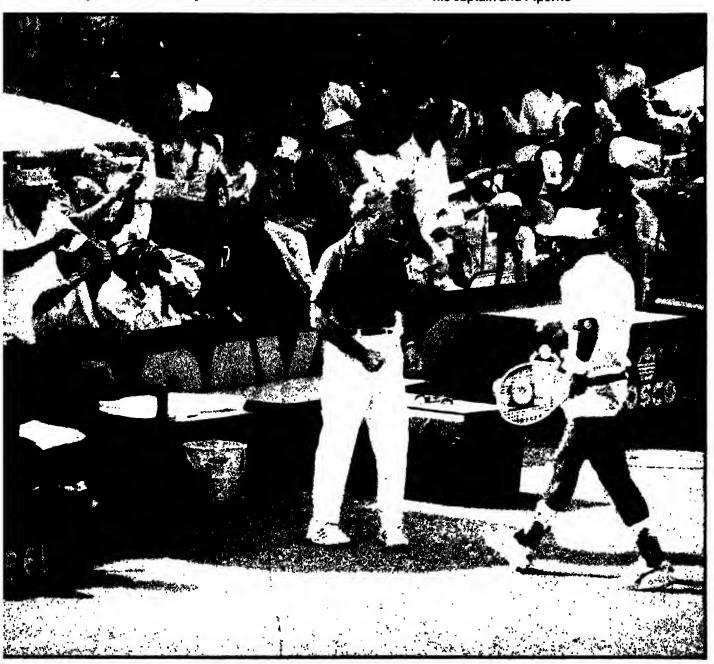
legs are ricked with cramps. He wins hearts with his courage but not the match. 0-1. Ramesh wins his. 1-1.

Second day, Krishnan sets the doubles pace, Leander follows. 2-1.

Third day. Has to be Krishnan's day. A third win will make him hero. But he loses, even with 5 break points in the eighth

Leander strides off, his aggression echoed by his captain and Piperno





game of the fifth set. 2-2.

Graham Gooch once asked Ian Botham, "Who writes your script?". Who writes Leander's? This is the decisive fifth

Jie Seong Ho was the weakness India required

match. Does the kid who eats pressure cookers for breakfast know what tension is? He wins 7-6, 6-3, 6-2, playing with polish, the coolest man in the place.

The kid is lucky, sure. The kid also never lets go the opportunities he





gets.

Krishnan is relaxed, a pro. But he must wonder. In one era he played in Vijay's shadow. Now is his thunder being stolen again? His contribution was spectacular, without him winning a myth. But on the last day, they carried Leander, when for a shot here or there it might have been him.

O less, no more than the Indonesi-

ans". A quote that should hang in the spoken word's Hall of

Chang Eui Jong: heart, guts and skill

(In) Fame. They should hang the speaker of it too, for beside that Oriental slant of eye, the Koreans had everything the Indonesians didn't discipline and resilience. talent and mobility. Merely the Koreans two wins over us in Bharuch (1989) and Seoul (1990), plus their high motivation levels and nationalistic pride as evidenced at the Seoul Olympic Games (1988) should have been ample warning to the Indians.

Was the Indian team prepared? "They're relaxed", said non

playing captain Naresh Kumar, then adding half-jocularly, half-cautiously, "almost too relaxed. I better have a word with them".

The Indians were, in fact, both casually confident and edgy. The former because Chang Eui Jong and Jie Seung Ho wore shirts with the labels 'Davis Cup debutants' and this was India, heat and grass. The latter, because the Koreans dropped the experienced Kim JaeSik (psychological move?) and hyped up their recent doubles win over top dogs Grant Connell and Glenn Michibata.

Yet any, even subtle, hint of underestimation vanished with the tie's first set going to Seong. Two days later Ramesh Krishnan was saying. "for the Koreans to play in such strange conditions and being debutants they put in a helluva performance". Even his father was "surprised".

Seong, whose clothes were as bizarre as his temperament--one second a snarl of triumph, the next a dejected droop of the head—looked impressive intially because Krishnan allowed him too. A set down, Krishnan said enough, tugged at his shorts put his racket on automatic fire and sent down tracers of beautiful death. Despite Seong's facility on the backhand and Krishnan's insistence on playing to it, the disparity of skills was too great. Krishnan, at one juncture, won 12 games in a row, the wires in Seong's jaw

Referee Johnston dwarfs the genial Krishnan



snapping with every
Krishnan jewell till it
and he were totally
unhinged. Some 'patriot
calls' by over zealous
linesmen may have been
in a bad taste, but
Krishnan's sweetness
was overpowering.

T dinner after the tie, Chang Eui Jong, all polite 184 cms of him, explained to me through an interpreter, that "in Korea, after the family, comes

commitment, discipline and dedication to one's job". Adjectives, which gave a flicker of insight into the heart of the tie's most accomplished player. His face impassive, a mixture of a monk's calmness and an interrogator's menace, Chang appeared to have taken seriously his nickname 'Michael' given by the press. Gloriously fluid for a big man, like a tank with a Ferrari

engine, he showed negligible discomfort on grass, served with craft and cunning and in beating Paes and Krishnan displayed vast reservoirs of mental and physical stamina. And were it not for Seong's sleep in the doubles, Chang may have pocketed the doubles too.

For Paes, the Chang match was just a bad day at the office: no rhythm, and cramps to boot But there were to be no excuses. "I was upset I lost in the sense that champions win even when not playing that well. I didn't choose the right shot most times, and I couldn't take the game to him like I normally do because I was making too many errors. I played okay, but not the big points".

At 17, this was Paes' fifth Davis Cup tie and his first loss in a live singles. Yet such a powerful web of magic he has spun, such huge expectations he has created, that for many his loss was a shock to the system. A fantasy had briefly been invaded by reality.

Korea had beaten us twice before and late night meetings and huddles turned the Taj Man Singh hotel into a briefing zone—no-one, beats India thrice in a row, got it, guys? This was Oh Captain My Captain time and Naresh Kumar, cerebral ions careening around his brain, scratched out a blueprint for victory.

First move. Don't play safe, use Krishnan and Paes in the doubles.

Second move. Change the Jaipur/Indonesia Chang had much to exult

about



style and put Hamesh in the left court. "Because Ramesh is more consistent, more experienced and most of the big points—40.30, 30.40, 15.30—come on the left court." Not to mention a sizzling backhand.

The captain was zoning here. The Indians zapped the Koreans 7-6, 6-4, 7-5, Krishnan always wickedly good and once Paes got through the first set his volleys were the type stamped 'Made





in Heaven'.

Tie-over, Krishnan will eat Chang. Ah, but 'Michael' had other ideas. He hung around, Krishnan always a little tight made the required errors, and suddenly five sets were over and a match was yet to be played.

But was Leander ready? Ah, the captain had already made his third move. On the last morning, as he and Krishnan were leaving the hotel, Naresh excused himself, went to

### Cramps! Dr. Paes does the needful as captain Kumar looks worried

the lobby, dialled Leander's room and warned him "not to let down mentally. Prepare yourself as if there is going to be a fifth match".

And then, prior to the fifth match came the captain's decisive fourth move: "I told Leander to relax. To play within himself. To use the hype only on the big points"

BANG! The kid played

outrageous, smart tennis. Like a pro, always solid, spectacular when required. It was grown-up tennis, a mirror for himself on how he must play if he is to be a big boy.

The party now shifts to Brazil in September. Latin madness and sweaty, slow clay courts. Is Naresh Kumar apprehensive? "Thank God we're not playing them in soccer", he quips.

It will be a demanding

tie, for barring surface and a manic crowd, Cassio Motta, Richard Acioly, Luis Mattar and Danilo Marcelino are a fine blend of talent and experience. "But we're not going to get pushed over" asserts the captain. "We know now that the load can be shared and the Korea tie proved we can take on people. We can definitely win".

This team then, hard working and gifted, deserves a star too. PHOTOGRAPHS: KAMAL JULKA

424 races run in 54 days of racing at the Mahalaxmi racecourse, Bombay this season. A somewhat successful season marred by labour problems which threatened to disrupt the existence of the sport...

N Sunday, April 28, 1991, the current Bombay season finally drew to a close. Spread over a period of five months. this was the longest season in the history of Mahalaxmi racecourse

have been plaguing Western India of late and threatening to disrupt the very existence of the sport itself.

A host of new champions came into being in the course of the season but what

he received for that victory astride Scorpio could easily have been befitting a potential Derby winner elsewhere. But now let's pause for a minute and analyse the individual champions both equine and human in their

closing stages. This time, however, Sait made no mistake and ended up the clear winner with 43 winners to his credit almost six wins ahead of his nearest rival Dallas Todywalla who was a creditable second.

### SEASON TO

### MEMBER A

with 424 races actually being run in the course of the 54 days of racing. This too was a record in its own right. In many ways it was a season to remember and a season to forget, but on the whole the Bombay Meeting of 1990-'91 was a success bar the usual labour problems which

surely must have been the highlight of it all was watching the legendary Lester Piggott ride in Bombay on Derby day. The crowd that afternoon was the largest ever and Lester may not have won the Derby, but he did ride a winner from his very first ride and the ovation

respective fields. CHAMPION TRAINER: IMTIAZ SAIT last won the Trainers' Championship back in 1987-'88. Since then he has been in the fighting each year, but has had to play second fiddle. coming tantalisingly close to being champion, but losing out in the

Round about Derby time things did not seem to be going Sait's way. Last season, he had lost two top class fillies to schooler Altaf Hussain. They had supposedly been temporarily transferred, while Sait served a suspension term slapped on him by the authorities for using steroids. The fillies in question. Starfire Girl and Speedbird, never came back to Sait as Altaf produced good enough results with them. Well, Speedbird may not have done very much but Starfire Girl came out and won the Indian Oaks and the Derby and left Sait feeling like he had been kicked in the teeth.

What made the Derby win even more difficult to stomach was the fact that the colt that he

The signs of a successful season. The bookles were mobbed by punters at the Mahalaxmi racecourse



trained namely Starfire Boy finished a very close third. Sait had wanted Lester Piggott, who was available to ride him, but unfortunately Lester had opted for Speedbird and Sait had virtually been left without a rider until Robin Corner was finally declared. "With Lester up I'm sure we could have won", said a dejected Sait after the Derby, but alas it never came to be.

tantalisingly close to winning. On the penultimate day he lost by a shorthead on a horse named Royal Ascot. Had the verdict of the camera gone his way he would have equalled Shroff's tally and been declared the champion on account of having more seconds to his credit.

But Pesi Shroff was not to be denied and held on ending the season with a Classic double under his belt. He rode Starfire Girl to victory in the Indian Oaks and then followed it up by winning the Indian Derby astride the same filly. In the bargain Shroff has now won three successive Derbies two more earlier and that has proved without a shadow of doubt that

Britain's top jockey Lester Piggott: a legend in his own right

Put Imtiaz Sait had his

But Imtiaz Sait had his moments of glory too in the course of the season. He won the 1000 Guineas with Etna and then saddled Ponta Delgado to win the richest race in the country namely the Poonawalla Breeders' Million. All in all a satisfying season on the whole for the Imtiaz stable.

CHAMPION JOCKEY: PESI SHROFF narrowly lost championship honours amongst the jockeys last year to Aslam Kader. This year he won it narrowly beating the up and coming Malesh Narredu by one solitary winner to land the spoils. At one stage with less than three racedays to Shroff's lead must have looked unassailable. But a flurry of wins and some brilliant riding saw Malesh narrow the gap and at the wire the pair were separated by just one.

In fact Narredu came





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### Horse Of The Season: Starfire Girl

hot blooded on a tennis court in comparison HORSE OF THE SEASON STARFIRE GIRL a bay filly by Riyahi out of Marchetta trained by Altaf Hussain and owned in conjunction by the Poonawalla brothers and Mr Vijay Mallya would be the obvious choice as horse or should one say filly of the season The four year old raced four times in the course of five months and she came out on top thrace

She opened her campaign by winning an ordinary Handicap race for horses in Class III comfortably enough But it did not look the sort of performance that one would attribute to a Classic winner She would have to improve a great deal for that The Indian 1000 Guineas proved that and Starfire Girl ran second, beaten a length and a quarter by Etna

Quite a few people blamed Shroft for this defeat, but it s easy to find fault after an event Starfire Girl was certainly not at her best before the Guineas She came into her own Oaks time and produced a scintillating display to win the mile and a half fillies classic in a canter A fortnight later she took on the colts in the Derby and turned in one of the most courageous displays shown by a filly to win by half a length in a race where a mere three quarter length was all that separated the first four

After that Starfire Girl was retired to stud and unfortunately we did



not get to see her in action in the Invitation Cup at Madras However, I think her performance can best be summed up in the words of the man who rode her in the Derby Pesi Shroff 'I don't think Starfire Girl reproduced her Oaks form in the Derby I was

Champion Jockey: Pesi Shroff disappointed even though she turned in a good enough display to win the Derby If that is true then Starfire Girl must have been quite a filly to have beaten the colts even when she was not at her best

CHAMPION STAYER MAJESTIC EAGLE a got abroad bay filly by Tender King out of

Mariinsky trained by Uttam Singh established herself as one of the best stayers in the land when she walked away with the Indian St Leger Run over that gruelling distance of a mile and three quarters, Majestic Eagle engraved her name into the record books by just edging out a record that had stood to the credit of the legendary Rock Of Gibraltar for over 34 years The 2800 metre record in Bombay is now in the name of Majestic Eagle at 2 min 57 7 sec

Jockey, John Lowe who was flown in all the way from England to ride Majestic Eagle was easing up the daughter of Tender King well before she had passed the finish and that showed just how superior she was to anything else in the field Owned by Messrs JP Goenka, Deepak Khaitan, Ross Deas and Arvind Poddar, Majestic Eagle if she stays on in training will be a force to reckon with over a distance because in my opinion we have still not seen the best of her



## WHO'S WHO

HE battle has culminated It's time to take stock of the spoils. The days of chaos and horse trading that is the Calcutta soccer transfer season is behind us now

The topic of who will go where and for how much takes a back seat as discussions rage about the strengths and weaknesses of the Big Three teams and their coaches This year the week-long transfer period degenerated into a mafia-film spoof

And like the gangster movies, where the boss/godfather builds his gang/family around him, this year's transfer saw the clubs first appoint a coach before settling down to composing a team

Almost like putting the cart before the horse But this, to a certain extent, had some bearing on some players who switched allegiance from one club to another. The appointment of coaches it seemed was top on the priority list of the three premier clubs.

East Bengal's prime intention was to retain Syed Nayeemuddin who helped the club achieve a very rare distinction of winning the triple crown in 1990. Not that Mohun Bagan didn't make an attempt to rope Nayeem in, but the club's fickleness saw Nayeem decide to remain with his old club Although East Bengal was busy with the club elections, it was in

Nayeem chats with East Bengal's Bikash Panji and Tarun Dey the "common interest" of the factions not to hamper in the appointment of Nayeem. The pressure is already on him to once again show the path to glory

Not getting Naveem had been a great loss for Mohun Bagan At least for Bagan boss Dhiren Dev and its football secretary Shambu Ghosh who preferred the former national coach But the club secretary Tutu Basu apparently "undemocratically" recruited Subhas Bhowmick whose credentials as a successful coach are unknown However, the appointment of Bhowmick had raised eyebrows within, and he will be under enormous pressure to prove his credentials Perhaps he's accepted the challenge





Towards the end of the last season, the writing on the wall indicated that coach Jamshed Nasırrı's days with Mohammedan Sporting were over Club supremo Mir Md Omar, without even a second thought, appointed Shabbir Ali, an NIS coach and a diploma holder from Germany, as part of his muck-clearing operation after an inglorious 1990 With no trophies for Mohd SC until the fag end of the season when they won the Stafford Cup at Bangalore and recently (with the new team) the Nagjee Trophy at Calicut against the India XI, the

During the transfers.East Bengal's primary objective was to build a side to win even more tournaments this season And now its time for coach Nayeem to get cracking

What is the team like? The goal looks very safe Nayeem has a complete goalkeeper in Debashis Mukherjee with Sudipto Chakraborty and veteran Bhaskar Ganguly to take over at times

The defence is solid in spite of the disgruntled Monoranjan Bhattacharjee signing for Bagan He has been ably substituted with a more organised defence have no problems, considering his excellent form and scoring ability last season. And he will be aided by either gamemaker Prasanta. Banerjee or Moheul Islam. However both these players reflexes are getting weary with age and, to make amends the club signed young talented Shankar. Sadhu as the third player in the midfield. And if things don't click, Nayeem can always play Babu. Mani as the attacking midfielder.

Cheema Okerie's absence may not be felt but East Bengal has still managed a lethal strikeforce, which is superior to Bagan's They have in their ranks the skilful Krishanu Dey, Babu Mani and the menacing BSF striker Darbara Singh Kuljit Singh has signed but for some legal implication his transfer has been stayed by the federation

ROPHIES are what Mohun Bagan is desperately angling for Last season, the club's only glory was winning the league and a "farcical" all-India (Group A category') tournament, the Airlines Gold Cup Nothing much to boast about So it was no surprise when, this season, Bagan went on a signing spree to try and break the drought But at the end of it all, it looks as though Bagan's problems still exist, especially in the deep defence and the midfield However, these problems can be remedied with tact and intelligent handling And not being confronted by the belligerent Subroto Bhattacharya anymore will probably be a great relief to both the coach and his players

Mohun Bagan's problems began with the signing of a glut of defenders, prominently among them Monoranjan Bhattacharjee Anırudda Koley is an automatic choice in the left back position, while the other wingback tussle will be between Kabir Bose and Kerala Police's Sharaf Ali For the stoppers' slot, the coach's first choice should be the duo of Achintya Belel and Amit Bhadra The point then is how much will Monoranjan be utilised? And if things don't work out smoothly among the back four then there is the confident and classy keeper Tanumoy Bose, first choice to Atanu Bhattacharya, under the har

With six notable stars in the midfield (Sudip Chatterjee, Satyajit Chatterjee, Debashis Mishra, Debashis Sarkar, Kerala Police's Vijayan and Maharashtra's Santha Kumar) coach Bhowmick will have the problem of an embarrassment of riches Of course, Bagan needs a schemer and that they have in the hardworking Sudip Chatterjee while the rest can be utilised on a rotational basis But in all this.



Mohun Bagan might face the biggest problem of all ego hassles among big players when they are dropped

Goals win matches and in this context Bagan laid more emphasis on the frontline With Sishir Ghosh's suspension last season, Bagan's strikeforce was completely blunted But Sishir claims that he'll be a different breed this time, and the club is hoping for goals from his spot jumps' If he does fail to strike form, Bagan can confidently look forward to Vijayan and Santha Kumar who are equally good upfront But for the moment let's wait and see who scores and how often?

OHAMMEDAN SPORTING has perhaps the junior-most team compared to the other two giants. And pundits feel that the team's quite lopsided look might pose a serious challenge to coach Shabbir Ali Without doubt, the club's trump cards are Nigerians. Chibuzor and Christopher, the duo who scored regularly last season.

With the induction of Mafatlal's winger Godfrey Pereira and striker Mushtaq Ali, the attack looks awesome But Periera can only assist his new club after the Pre-Olympic camp. The attack will further sharpen when the talented Tata Football Academy youngster.

Shabbir All on his new assignment as Mohammedan SC coach

### Godfrey Pereira: will sharpen the Mohd.SC attack

Tauseef Jamal joins the side The midfield, however, is extremely mediocre Christopher will have to take most of the workload to keep things moving Md Fareed is there alright to do all the snatching, but he will have to curb his ill-temper which at times could find the team at the receiving end Arup Manna can fit into the midfield well while Karnataka s Anappa Kumar has to show what he is capable of Aloke Saha s experience is also available to help the frontline when required

But Mohammedan SC's biggest





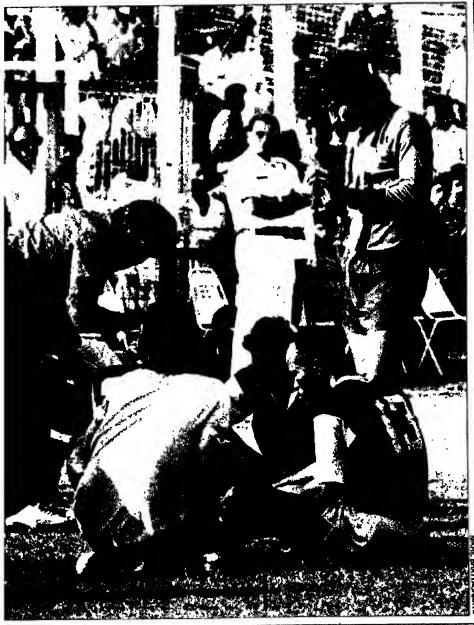
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### Md.Qadeer:should assist MSC soon

crunch is the last line of defence. Although Maharashtra's Md. Qadeer can safely be said to be the best under the post, he will not be available until he registers himself for the club. Until then Mohammedan SC will have to bank on Jagadish Ghosh and Haider Ali Mondol and a couple of junior keepers.

Shabbir Ali has a young side and he will have to utilise them properly to get results that could equal the expections from the Big Three.

The lines are drawn. Now, let the battle begin. ●



### MARKE MERCE

Goalkeepers: Tanumoy Bose, Atanu Bhattacharya, Sumit Mukherjee and Tapash Chakraborty. Defenders: Kabir Bose, Sharaf Ali, Aniruddha Koley, Manoranjan Bhattacharya, Prasanta Saha, Achintya Belel, Sujit Dutta, Amit Bhadra and Siddhartha Ghosh. Midfielders: Satyajit Chatterjee, Sudip Chatterjee, Debashish Sarkar, Debashish Mishra. Vijayan, Santha Kumar, Sanjib Dutta, Abhijit Manna and Uttam Ghosh. Forwards: Sudip Chakraborty, Uttam Mukherjee, Sishir Chosh, Pabitra Kar, Kumaresh Bhawal, Abhijit Bhattacharya, Samit Das and Ajay Das. Coach: Subhas Bhowmick. Asst coach: Jahar Das.

### EAST BENGAL

Goalkeepers: Debashish Mukherjee, Bhaskar Ganguly, Sudipto Chakraborty and Bhuban Chatterjee. Defenders: Tarun Dey, Aloke Mukherjee, Swarup Das, Mastan Ahmed, Illiyas Pasha, Balai Mukherjee, Swapan Bose, Krishnendu Roy, Pradyut Sarkar, Swapan Pal. Midfielders: Bikah Panji, Mohiul Islam, Prasanta Banerjee, Sukhen Chakraborty, Shankar Sadhu, Tushar Rakshit, Subir Singh Chowdhury, Ujjal Biswas. Forwards: Krishanu Dey, Babu Mani, Darbara Singh, Kuljit Singh, Rupak Chowdhury, Abhijit Roy Chowdhury, Pradip Talukdar, Vinod Kumar, Sandip Munshi, Subir Sarkar, Ranjit Saha, Katrick Sett, Amitava Biswas, Somenath Ghouri and Pronob Mondol. Coach: Syed Nayeemuddin. Asst coach: Shyamal Ghosh.

### MONAMMEDAN SC

Goalkeepers: Jagadish Ghosh, Debashish Ganguly, Shanti Majumdar, Hyder Ali Mondol. Defenders: Saibal Chatterjee, Joseph, Supriyo Chakraborty, Rahamatullah, Mushir Ahmed, Aloke Saha, Samir Chowdhury Debasish Konar, Gurucharan Das, Samar Majumdar, Sahadeb Majumdar, Sibaprasad Deb. Debasish Das, Debasish Ghosh. Midfielders: Mohammed Fareed, Arup Manna, Sanjay Chanda, Manash Roy, Md. Sajid, Abid Hossain, Shakir Shabid, Kamaluddin Sanfuzi, Rashid Gazi, Iftikar Ahmed, Anappa Kumar. Forwards: Chibuzor, Firoz, Abid Imam, Mushtaq Ali, Subrata Ray, Tauseef Jamal, Tridib Talukdar, Sheikh Nazir Hussain. Coach: Shabbir Ali. Asst coach. Aslam Khan

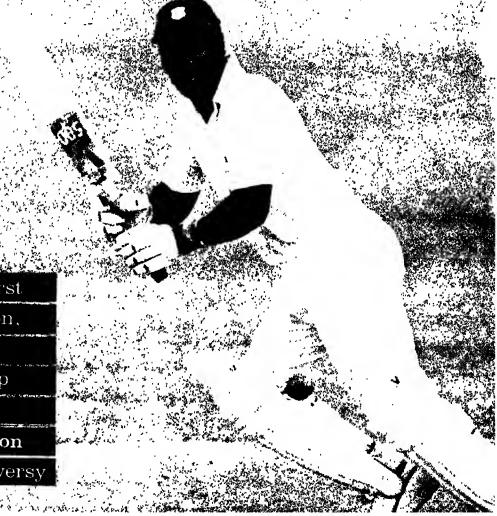
## BAD BLOOD ON ALL SIDES

T the start of the West Indies-Australia series, both teams followed the unwritten tour rule that, no matter what happened on the field during the day, they

would visit each other's dressing rooms and share a round of drinks before calling it a day. Halfway through the Tests, relations were sufficiently strained to temporarily suspend the practice. But by the end of the fourth Test, with

the West Indies having wrapped up the series (and with it, the tag of champion Test-playing nation in the world) relations had deteriorated to such an extent that the post-play drinks ritual no longer existed.

It was not just that the West Indies had won the series, it was not just that blood had been spilled on both sides, it was not just at some of the most amazing umpiring decisions seen in Test cricket in the past decade. It was due,



Viv Richards' outburst about Bobby Simpson, strained the already tenuous relationship between the two sides. David McMahon analyses the controversy

in the main, to the stunning public criticism of Australian coach Bob Simpson by West Indies captain Viv Richards.

Richards surprised journalists when, after the West Indies had clinched the Sir Frank Worrell Trophy for the series, he accused Simpson, the former Australian captain, of being "a moaner, a bad loser and a sour sort of loser for whom we don't have a great respect." Richards was not slow to elaborate. "Every now and again he will say 'well played' or 'congratulations', but you treat people as you are treated, and I am going to tell you that Bob Simpson is not our

cup of tea. You don't know what's in the man's heart. He is a moaner and a bad loser. He has been shouting off his mouth. I have never shouted off my mouth.

"I dismiss anything that Simpson says," said Richards. "It is not a matter of what has happened on this tour or over the years. He is just a very sour sort of loser and I hope he changes.

He said last time when we toured Australia that it was Australia's chance to beat the West Indies. He said the same this time. Well, I won't be around next time if he suggests it again."

Yet, when pressed, Richards could only elaborate one specific

> Bobby Simpson: received more sympathy than condemnation

was taken during a one-day match in Antigua when there was a dispute about a rule, not a decision, and I took a rule book out to show the umpire. Gossein and I have laughed about that plenty of times, including twice on this tour during the team visits to Trinidad, where he lives.

"I am amazed, shocked

"I am amazed, shocked and disappointed at Richards' outburst which is quite extraordinary. I will be looking further into it to see what action can be taken. As far as I am concerned, my only contacts with Viv Richards have been pleasant ones. There has never been a cross word between us."

Official reaction was rapidly forthcoming. But even as the faxes and telephone calls criss-crossed and the contentious issue of Richards' outburst was dealt with by the officials of the two cricket boards, another former Australian captain put his point forward. Ian Chappell, covering the tour as a television commentator for Australia's Channel Nine and as a columnist for Melbourne's Sunday Age newspaper, wrote that weekend, "Viv Richards' captaincy is a mass of contradictions. but his thoughts on Bob Simpson were straight to the point. Richards has a lot of pride in his captaincy and he would have been deeply wounded to hear his team's batting described as 'potentially fragile' by the coach of a seven-man batting side that had just collapsed twice, thus losing the series comprehensively.



incident for the cause of his wrath against Simpson. Harking back to 1978, when Simpson had been recalled to captain Australia during the early days of the World Series Cricket.

"We got criticised that year," said Richards, "when he said that Clive Lloyd told his guys to bully the umpires. But I saw him in action. He almost had his hand, his finger, up the nose of umpire Rolph Gossein. He can't deny it because I have the picture to prove it."

Simpson, bemused by the complaint, countered: "That picture

> Viv Richards: at the centre of the controversy

West Indies-Australia: batting and bowling average of five tests series: 1891.

**WEST INDIES: BATTING** 

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Desmond Haynes	Š	9	1	412	51.50	111	Ĭ	2	0
Gordon Greenidge	5	9	1	366	45.75	226	1	Ö	Ť
Jeffrey Dujon	5	7	0	209	29.85	70	Ó	2	23
Carl Hooper	5	8	0	199	24.87	62	Ō	2	6
Vivian Richards	5	8	1	174	24.85	52*	Ö	2	2
Malcolm Marshall	5	7	1	145	24.16	51	Ō	1	ō
Curtley Ambrose	5	7	. 1	115	19.16	53	Ō	1	1
Courtney Walsh	5	7	2	44	8.80	12*	Ó	0	2
Patrick Patterson	5	7	2	33	6.60	15	0	0	1

(One catch was taken by substitute fielder Holder).

### BOWLING

	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	AVGE	BB	10W	5W
Malcolm Marshall	156.2	25	437	21	20.80	3/31	0	0
Patrick Patterson	136	19	409	18	22.72	5/83	Ö	1
Courtney Walsh	179.3	32	426	17	25.05	4/14	Ŏ	Ô
Curtley Ambrose	205.4	47	493	18	27.38	3/36	Ŏ	ŏ
Carl Hooper	151	36	391	5	78.20	2/28	Ď	ŏ
Vivian Richards	23	2	101	Õ			•	•
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<sup>\*</sup> Malcolm Marshall has taken 356 Wickets in Test Cricket and thus surpassing Denis Lillee's 355 Wickets. He has now become the fourth highest wicket-taker after Richard Hadlee (431), Kapil Dev and Ian Botham (376 each) and Imran Khan (362).

Chappell also made the point that Richards has often stuck his own neck out for the sake of his team, with deadly effect on opposing sides. "When you stop and think about his captaincy," wrote the eldest Chappell of Richards, "it does have a thread. Loyalty. He sticks by his players through thick and thin that's the only difference between Viv Richards' leadership and that of Allan Border on this tour."

The awesome foursome (From Left): Courtney Walsh, Patrick Patterson, Curtley Ambrose and Malcolm Marshall

Chappell knows what he is talking about. In all his years as West Indies captain, Richards has never lost a series. Should he lead his team to victory in England later this year, he will retire undefeated by any cricketing nation and, as Chappell pointed out, no country could possibly ask more of its captain.

Except, perhaps, a better sense of decorum.

Richard's place in the annals of the game is guaranteed, yet his behaviourial record has been tarnished by an outburst which the world will never forget and which, to say, the



Vivian Richards has become West Indies' highest run-getter and also the third highest run-getter in Test cricket , after Gavaskar and Border.

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<sup>\*</sup> Mark Waugh achieved the rare feat of topping both the batting and bowling averages Compiled by Hari Presad Chattopiethysy

least was ill-timed Richards had just won the series yet here he was, publicly flogging a man whom he could punpoint no charges against, apart from one solitary incident 13 years ago

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In the twilight of an extraordinary career, no man need descend to the depths of criticising a fellow statesman of the game If indeed Richards had a genuine grievance against Simpson, he might have been better advised to go about solving the problem by having a one-on-one chat with Simpson himself By

going public and airing his views to the world, Richards has only succeeded in belittling himself

Who lost out, really? Simpson? Not really Even if he is a "moaner" or a "bad loser," he has gained only sympathisers in the wake of Richards' outburst? The Australian team? No, for they fought well Richards Yes, Richards was the man who lost out No matter how great a cricketer, a part of his legacy to history will be the way he conducts himself off the field as well Everyone

remembers Botham's heroics in the Headingley Test of the 1981 Ashes series, yet they remember, too, the drug busts and the court cases In the case of Viv Richards (ironically, a good friend of Botham's) nothing could possibly erase the memory of his feats on the field, but this outburst has tarnished the image somewhat

If anyone had cause to complain to the media this month, it was Allan Border Some of the decisions against his men (and some of those favouring the West

Indies) on this tour have been amazing The best example of this was the dismissal of Geoff Marsh in the fourth Test. declared lbw to his amazement Even if there had been a second set of stumps, Marsh would not have been out But Border, despite the provocation, has said nothing He has had a lot of practice at this, during the six-year rebuilding process of the Australian team since he took the helm He may have lost this series, but he won the points in a unanimous decision against Viv Richards in the decency stakes

Border's total runs in Test Cricket is now 9,257-which is just 865 runs short of Sunii Gavaskar's record 10,122 runs

Vivian Richards, the aging lion of West Indies, defends the choice of the elder players and himself to continue playing, even though they were supposedly past their prime. Greenidge with his double century against the Australians has just proved the sceptics wrong...

OR too long Viv Richards had listened to the rest of the cricketing world telling him he was the ageing leader of a team in decline. Now that he was back in the role of dictator he had no qualms about behaving like one. Smashing a light-heavyweight's fist into his open palm, he growled 'That's bullshit and I want it ended now '

That, of course, was more like the Richards of the yesteryears, the one who radiated a brooding power simply by standing, arms folded, in the slips. There seemed something slightly unreal about the almost flippant character who smiled benignly at the demands-most vociferous from within the West Indies themselves – that he and at least three of his illustrious elderly team-mates should call it a day

You began to suspect that, deep down Richards would believe that they were right

But if there was even a subconscious doubt it disappeared when opener Gordon Greenidge, oldest and easiest target for the critics, scored the double-century that put victory in the fourth Test beyond Australia's reach

It meant that the West Indies were still the undisputed world champions. And for Richards it was the vindication of his unpopular policy of standing by the over-30s, particularly Greenidge, Malcolm Marshall and Jeff Dujon.

Had it failed, he might have lost the captaincy and his ambition to end

### **VIVIAN RICHARDS**

## THE DICTAT

his career with a final tour of England 'But it will be nice to arrive there knowing that the team have answered all the doubts,' he said 'All those people who have been calling for the head of Greenidge and the rest may be a little shame-faced'

'I have always believed in the old adage "Form is temporary, class is for ever "Gordon is the perfect example of that He, Malcolm Marshall and Jeff Dujon believe in themselves. And, for that matter, so does Viv Richards. This was a crucial game for us all and, when it looked as if we could lose, we responded."

"There will be a gradual transformation", promised Richards 'But it will be done the way we have always done it—a few players at time—so that we don't upset the balance Under Clive Lloyd's captaincy I was given the chance to establish myself in the side 'That's the way it will be with any youngster (possibly Lara or Hamesh Anthony) we take to England

'Now we have bounced back after losing 4-1 to the Australians in the one-day series. So much for the theory that the West Indies are only a great team when they are on top. It helps of course, to have players who have played a hundred Tests. They can cope with setbacks and their experience could teach any youngster how to approach a crisis.'

Richards, 39 last month, intends to quit Test cricket and, literally, sail off into the sunset after the tour of England 'When I finish I want to get away from it for a while, not like some of those guys who come straight back to talk on the radio and television. I love sailing and, thankfully, I ve never heard of a Test match being played on the ocean'

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Young. Aggressive. And tremendously talented. Jean Alesi is

Prenovis a main responsible for what could be the worst business decision ever made in motor racing. He is a sponsorship executive of a multi-national company who in 1968, advised young Jean Alexi to switch to touring care

because he didn't have what it takes to handle single-seaters.

Now, just over two years later. Jean Alesi's the hottest kid to the block. Not only did he ignore that stupid suggestion, he flung his droop-winged Tyrrell around with such ferocity that even front runners like Avrton Senna and Alain Prost set up and took notice. By all the conventional rules, a rookie in Formula One—especially one with an ancient Ford Cosworth V8 engine

behind him—shouldn't be even remotely competitive with the veterans powered by state-of-the-art V10s and V12s. But somebody forgot to tell Alexi that,

Having spent 1989 getting the feel of the craft, he burst into 1990 by taking the lead at the very first Grand Prix itself. That he was eventually caught and passed by Senna was expected. What wasn't expected was the way Alesi

He's hot! A trail of sparks light up the dark sky as Jean Ales! (meet) pushes the low slung Formula One machine to the finit.



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Yet another second place at Monaco proved that this was a man who could drive. Street circuits like Phoenix and Monaco being the ultimate test of a driver's skills since there are no long straights for the higher-powered cars to put their full torque onto the road and pull clear.

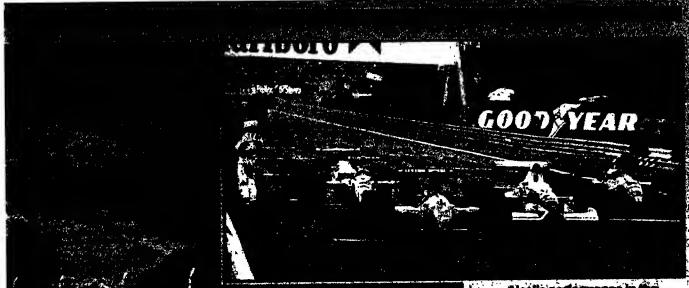
As the end of the 1990 season approached, so did many of the top teams with tempting offers. Williams Renault ... sent across a checrus for £ 1.2 million to Ken Tyrrell of the Tyrrell team as provision for the Alesi buyout. Ferrari weren't far behind. Realising that Nigel Mangell was headed out, they were on the lookout for a talented driver to pilot their hot rod. And this daring young Frenchman had all

the makings of a Ferrari superstar. And, of course, Tyrrell themselves suddenly realised the goldmine they were sitting on.

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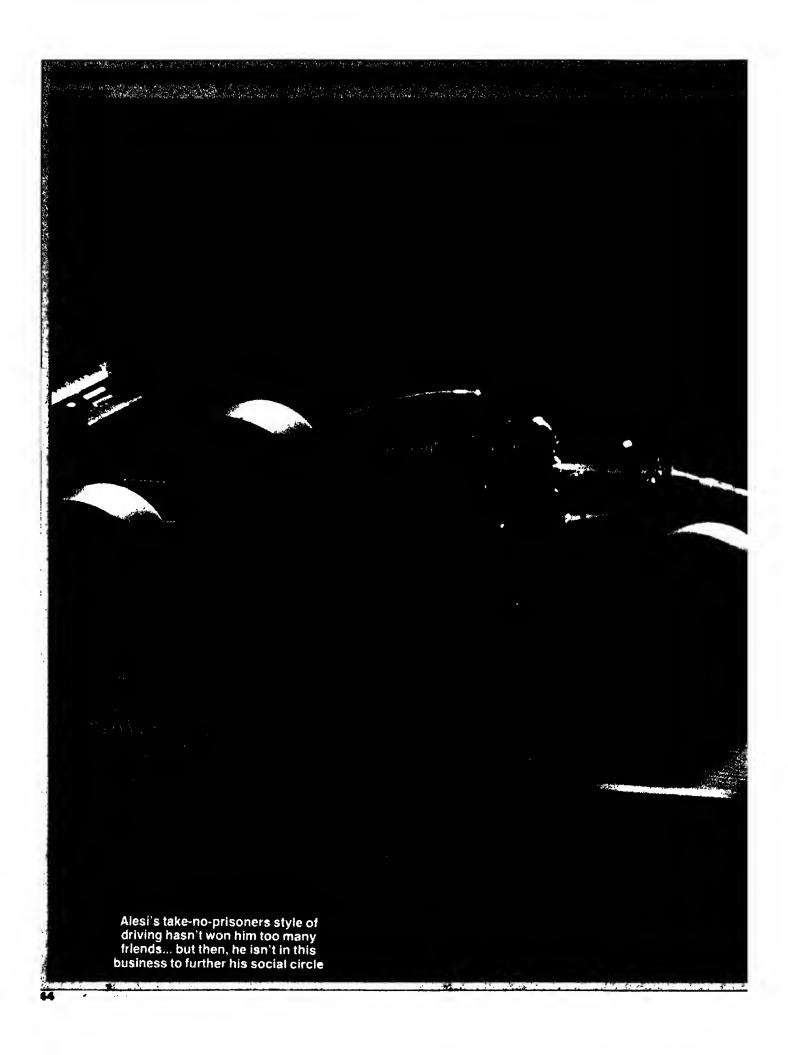


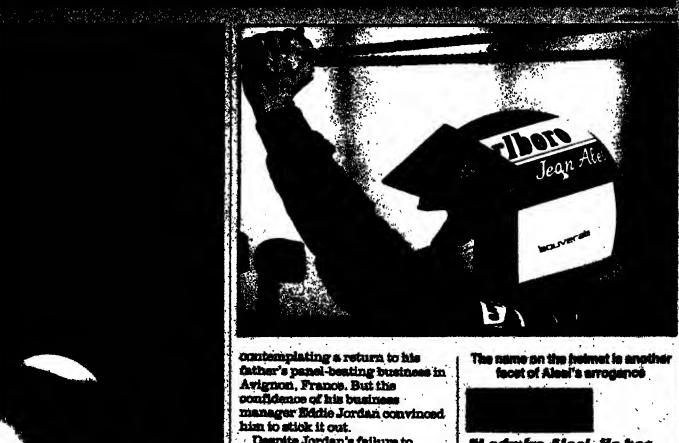
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later he was offered a drive by the ORECA team, the best in the business at that level of meter racing, and rewarded the team's confidence in him by winning a record total of seven French championship races. However, the move

to Formula 2000 with ORECA in 1995 didn't go as smoothly. In spite of the flashes of brilliance, Alesi Printed the season a demoralised man At Manus even

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Despite Jordan's failure to convince Frank Williams, owner of the Williams Formula One racing team, to take on Alesi as his test driver in early 1969, the talented Frenchman kept his foot firmly on the gas pedal. Two impressive F3000 wins later, the F1 teams were taking a longer, more serious look at Alesi. And by July, when Michele Alboreto fell out with his team's boes Ken Tyrrell, Alesi was ready to step into the Tyrrell-Ford.

Much clandestine teeting and fitting—F1 cars have cockpits that are tailored for the man who will be driving it—later, it was a new face that powered the blue-and-white Tyrrellout of the pits at the Paul Ricard circuit.

Jean Aleei had arrived.

The race, a 'tyre change' race—where the brevity of pit stops often decide the eventual placings—saw Alesi throw the car stround with his customary diadain for danger, even climbing up to second place at one stage. But the nip into the pits to replace the fast-fading Firelli tyres saw hith drop down to fourth. A position he hald tenscionally outo to motion uptile fast finish.

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by a debutant since Martin Brundle in '84'.

Since then, there's just been no holding Alesi bank. Once he comes to grips with the monstrous power that lurks within the confines of the scarlet Ferrari he is currently driving, there's going to be one sheepish sponsorship executive looking for a job!

A Correspondent

**RANJI TROPHY FINAL: BOMBAY VS HARYANA** 

## HARYANA SPRING





The youthful talent of Bombay (Tendulkar, left and skipper Manjrekar) couldn't hold off a determined Haryana under Kapi! Dev

Kapil led from the front and came out trumps

## A SURPRISE

VERWHELMED by emotion and remorse, Dilip Vengsarkar just slumped to the ground and wept, when the square-leg umpire standing beside him raised a finger to declare Abey Kuruvilla run out. The greatest-ever Ranji Trophy final, tragically, held little joy for the man who had played one of the greatest innings in first-class cricket in India. Vengsarkar was a hero. But at the bottom line, as he well realised. he was also a loser. The tears were justified.

Would the outcome of the match have been different had Vengsarkar not exposed the rookie batsman with a single off the first delivery of this, the penultimate over of the game and only three runs were needed for victory? Was he then responsible for shutting the door himself after bringing Bombay to the doorsteps of a spectacular victory?

It is a question which still rankles the diehard Bombay supporter, inspires debate in cricketing circles and must be haunting Vengsarkar himself. It is, however, a question which can never be answered, for in a game of this kaleidoscopic nature,  $\alpha$  uld just this

Kapii Dev kisses the trophy



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that goes on by the name of Kapil Dev, which they had still not contended with. one blunder, if it was that, have been the deciding factor? Just two runs separating the two teams. Two vital runs. But who is to judge when the balance was actually tilted from one side to the other.

Bombay, for instance, would have won in a cinch had Rajesh Puri, fielding at fine leg not cut off a certain boundary from Kuruvilla off Kapil Dev with a desperate diving stop. They would have won in a canter but for the consistently brilliant fielding of Ajay Jadeja. Indeed, there would have been no great final had Ajay Bannerjee and Pradip Jain, in a stubborn ninth wicket partnership, not extended the Haryana second innings by 90 minutes more than anybody expected on the final morning. Also, Bombay could well curse their luck at the umpire's decision to overrule Lalchand Rajput's frantic signals from long on and assign a four to Yogendra Bhandari when the ball had clearly been stopped within the boundary. The batsmen had run only two, and the Bombay players protested mildly, but then reconciled themselves in getting the last Haryana wicket. Five hours later, Haryana's winning margin, piquantly, was the two runs which should never have accrued to them.

But these are all imponderables. What should matter to cricket afficionados is that irrespective of who won, this was the finest final ever.

Ironically, this great match had a dull, even contrived beginning. When Haryana arrived in the metropolis, Kapil Dev promptly criticised the wicket and hence the Bombay Cricket Association. The Haryana team had condescended to honour BCA's diamond jubliee year by agreeing to play here even though the match was scheduled for Faridabad. But Kapil was not going to let sentiment influence his beliefs.

As it happened, his beliefs were founded more on habit than on truth. The Wankhede wicket had bounce, enough life for the

seamers was anything but the placid track Kapil Dev feared. Indeed, Kapil would have had to more than chew his words had Bombay's fielding not dropped to truly abysmal standards. Six catches were put down in the slips cordon on the first day, with Deepak Sharma the major beneficiary. For some obscure reason. everything which went to hand, didn't stick. No not even off a no-ball. when Vengsarkar, who had otherwise been saved the test floored an edge from Sharma.

This amazingly poor fielding undermined some very fine bowling by the Bombay medium pacers in which

debutant Abey Kuruvilla really excelled. Catapulted into the team on the suggestion of Frank Tyson under whom he was a trainee in the Mafatlal-BCA camp, he made a favourable impact. With his height, he was able to extract disconcerting bounce from this wicket. He used the width of the crease well to angle the delivery in to the bastmen, an adjunct to the natural inswinger over which he has splendid control, made the occasional delivery straighten after pitching and at all times strove for accuracy and sustained pace. It was as fine a debut as one could hope to see from a fast bowler in this



impoverished country. In fact, such was his impact, that Kuruvilla inspired both Raju Kulkarni and Salil Ankola to harder work and Bombay's three pronged pace attack should have had Haryana on the mat, but for the sloppy fielding.

Ergo, Haryana, batted twice as long as they should have and also scored twice as many runs as was likely on the fast, first day wicket. Deepak Sharma made 199, which in most circumstances, would be a tour de force. In this case, it was an epic only in terms of time because the stocky opener literally waltzed with fortune all through his 10 hours at the wicket.



The more attractive batting came from the slender Ajay Jadeja whose sense of timing superceded his ocassional lapses in concentration, and Chetan Sharma whose pluck plunged Bombay into frustration. Both missed their individual hundreds, but with Haryana exceeding 500 runs, they had ensured

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that coming to Bombay was not a waste of time.

There was no doubt yet for most critics and spectators that Bombay were the firm favourities to win, though by the end of the second day it was evident that the wicket now had both bite and turn for the spinners too. With a

The Harvana boys celebrating their win: epoch-making achievement

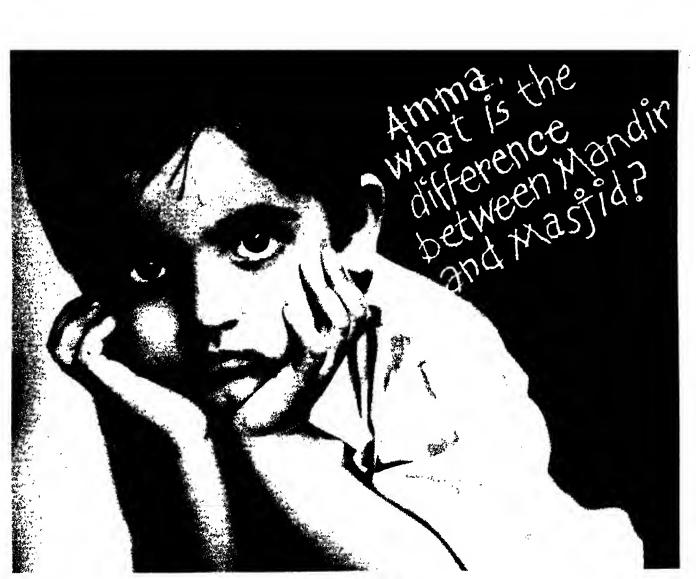


matchless batting line-up, on their home ground, and with no great spin bowlers in the Haryana side, Manjrekar and Co, had no major worries. They were in for a mild shock when Yogendra Bhandari, an off-spinner who has a classical loop and immense promise, bowled a magnificant 26 over spell in which nightwatchman Sanjay Patil was the most impressive batsman. But, by the end of the third day, with Vengsarkar and Tendulkar in command. a capable tail and only 200 runs to acquire the first innings lead, Bombay had not merely recovered from

### Dilip Vengsarkar: heartbroken

Bhandari's spin pressure, but looked comfortably on course.

There was, however, one minor obstacle which goes by the name of Kapil Dev which they had still not contended with. On the fourth morning, with the second new ball, the great all-rounder wrecked Bombay's innings and aspirations. An unusual cloud cover provided just the extraneous assistance Kapil needed to get the marginally greater movement which has devastated so many sides in the past. Bombay suffered a major blow when Tendulkar fell in the



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first over of the day, beaten by Chetan Sharma's breakback. In his next four overs Kapil Dev had three wickets, and despite a brave partnership between Pandit and Ankola, Bombay were stunningly bowled out 112 runs behind Haryana.

The match. highlighted by predominantly poor cricket as yet, suddenly changed character from this point on. Haryana were rightly intent on sitting tight on the first innings lead but by now there was enough in this wicket for the both the seamers and spinners to make batting hazardous. Given the inexperience of the Haryana batsmen, they were soon in all kinds of problems, and but for a hard hit 41 from Kapil Dev (who else?) they would have been bowled out by close.

Bombay had come back strongly.
Typically, this was through some excellent, spirited cricket and not a little pressurising.
Now with only two wickets to get and Haryana less than 300 runs ahead, the final day promised an exciting finale.

It turned out to be a humdinger. But nobody would have believed this in the lunch interval. Haryana's ninth wicket pair had virtually ensured against a defeat by batting for an hour and a half and in the 30 minutes before the break Bombay's top half had been destroyed by Chetan Sharma and Kapil Dev. With three wickets down for a mere

34 runs, chasing 355 in a minimum of 68 overs, the question now was whether Bombay would avoid an outright defeat.

Tendulkar's blitz had put Bombay on the path to an astonishing victory and Vengsarkar, an admiring senior thus far, now took charge. His method was not nakedly aggressive like Tendulkar's but more seasoned and planned.

With Bombay within striking distance of victory, there were multiple blows which shifted the balance again in Haryana's favour. Young Kambli, having partnered Vengsarkar so admirably drove early at Jadeia and gave a return catch: Pandit mistimed an ondrive and Kulkarni and Sanjay Patil were run out, unable to strike any rapport with Rajput, Vengsarkar's minner.

When Kuruvilla walked out to join Vengsarkar, Bombay still needed 50 runs for a win and a few spectators wound their way towards the exit, convinced that this was not possible, but they were stopped in their tracks by a brutal assault by the former India captain on Bhandari which yielded 26 runs, took him past his hundred and quite sensationally brought Bombay back into the game. In the next over, from Kapil, Vengsarkar, worsted by the Haryana captain in their duel in the first innings, smote a six and a four to whittle the target down to 14 runs

If there was any panic

from six overs.



in Kapil Dev, his cool exterior did not betray this. If Vengsarkar had any doubts about Kuruvilla's batting abilities, this disappeared from the manner in which the youngster played Kapil's swinging deliveries (he was lucky to get the benefit of the doubt off the first delivery he received from Kapil) and Chetan Sharma's snorters.

For three successive overs, Vengsarkar lost the strike off the first delivery, but without damage. Emboldened, he did this again off the fourth as Bombay's score inched closer to home with the addition of one more run.

### Kapil Dev being congratulated by fans after the match

It was a single that Vengsarkar was to rue with tears shed unashamedly and publicly. It was a single that, in a convoluted way, was to provide Haryana their maiden Ranji Trophy. It was a single which was to vindicate yet again the cricketing truism that the better team always wins. For, despite the lesser reputation, the meagre experience, Haryana had held their nerve and never let their spirit crack.

A Correspondent, Bombay

PEPSI CUP HOCKEY

# NO FIZZ.

In spite of the sponsors generously putting in money for a good cause, the first Federation Cup tournament was a big bore

HE Indian Hockey Federation had gone to town over the launch of their 'new brain wave', the Federation Cup. The Federation president, Mr R. Prasad proudly declared it to be the "super national championships."

Theoretically, it was. With the country's top eight teams participating, one expected "super competition." It remained a dream that turned into a nightmare in the 42 degree heat that scorched Lucknow in all its intensity.

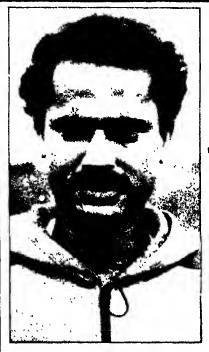
Right from the first day, all the eight teams were up in arms over the timing of the matches. As per schedule, two matches were to be played in the morning, 7 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. and then at 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. in the afternoon. The players refused and the organisers were forced to have two matches a day.

The international umpire, who had officiated the Railways match against U.P. said, "They (Railways) have the best defence in the country and the way they have been playing is not a good sign for the Olympic qualifying matches. Nasir Mohammed, the brilliant left – out for U.P had Pargat Singh dancing to his dazzling stick work."

Uttar Pradesh, playing on home turf did an excellent job of reaching the semifinals, the credit for which goes to their forwards, Nasir Mohammed, a nephew of artist Mohammed Shahid, and right — in Zillur Rehman, both of whom had a brilliant tournament till they ran into eventual champions, Bombay.

From pool A, it was Punjab and U.P. who qualified for the semis.

Pool B had national runners – up Indian Airlines, Bombay, Services and Patiala. Indian Airlines with a generous mix of past and present internationals looked as if they might go the way of Railways but they hung on especially against Services, who came from behind



Zafar Iqbal was the chief guest and inaugurated the tournament. He made history of sorts by becoming the first chief guest to play in the inaugurated

to equalise and threatened in the dying minutes to take the lead. Airlines managed to survive against Patiala, whom they beat 2—1.

Indian Airlines who had moved into the semis more on luck than ability, lost to Punjab by a solitary goal. It is high time, Indian Airlines inducts more youngsters into the forward line and the defence. Zafar Iqbal was a virtual passenger throughout the tournament. For Airlines, the left – out position, which Zafar once distinguished himself in, was nonexistent. He never made a single constructive move. Zafar Iqbal who was the chief guest on the first day and inaugurated the tournament made history of sorts by becoming, perhaps, the first chief guest to play in the same tournament. The Airlines defence underveterans M.P. Singh and Vineet Kumar was among the weakest in the tournament and the management would



do some good by blooding in youngsters for the job.

An ultra—defensive approach in the final by both Bombay and Punjab rendered it a drab affair. Punjab were handicapped by the absence of Sanjeev who was on the bench with two yellow cards To Punjab's credit, they attacked from the word go. Bombay's defence held on, with Patterson doing a great job under the bar Bombay took the lead when Gomes scooped with Pillai banging

the ball in. With a minute to go for the whistle, Punjab shot in the equaliser when Murmur blasted in a perfect penalty corner.

Both the teams were locked goalless at the end of extra – time and in the tie – breaker, Punjab's, Gundeep Kumar and Ranjit Singh missed their strokes to give Bombay the first Pepsi Federation Cup 5 – 4.

Sandy Mitra, Lucknow

### AND WE WANT TO BE THE BEST IN THE WORLD!

IT was on the semifinal day that former India coach, M.P. Ganesh made an appearance at the Dhyan Chand Stadium. M.P. Ganesh is the SAI nominee on the selection committee Rather evasive when asked about the furore the selections have created, he smiled and replied, "Well, the media always raises a hue and cry over the Indian hockey team selection. It's

nothing new '

The Federation Cup was the perfect place to try out the first 21 players who had been selected to attend the camp Unfortunately, only two selectors, Raj Kumar and Balbir Singh were present. Even they were occupied with their respective teams Punjab and Services, and were hardly seen for other matches. Three players were earmarked for further scrutiny or 'trial' as the Indian Hockey Federation called it. Punjab's Gundeep Kumar, Airlines goalkeeper Ashish Ballal and Bombay's Darryl D'Souza. D'Souza never turned up for the tournament. Gundeep Kumar played the role of the lone ranger in the Punjab team, being the lone forward upfront. Ballal played just one match.

"Will the I.H.F explain how managed to they test Ballal in one match, when they couldn't in the camps following the Indira Gandhi international?

If the players were on trial in
Lucknow, where was the national coach,
Balkishan Singh? Shouldn't he have been
there to see his wards in action? As
Ganesh said, "Balkishan is my Guru.
Whatever he does, I will always support
him. We should all support the coach."

According to a top player, who requested anonymity, Balkishan said that he will not attend the Federation Cup as it is a worthless tournament.

Flavers like R.P. flingb and Vivek Single, who have been dropped from the camp say that all this camp exercise is a farce Balkishan Singh has already selected his team R. P. Singh, who according to many present players should not have been dropped, said," If we were not good enough for the Indian team, then the coach should have seen the stars he has chose in this competition. Almost all failed. Take Railways and Indian Airlines for instance. All the established players in the Indian team played like veterans. What I can't understand is why the Indian Hockey Federation is adopting one set of guidelines for certain players and a different set for others?"

Many former players are agitated the way Balkishan Singh has selected the team. Charanjit even claimed that the role of the selectors is finished. It's Balkishan Singh who decides. Everything.

What is surprising is that two players Baljit Singh and Harpreet Singh never gave trials for the Indian team, yet they were taken into the camp. From where they arrived and which team they play for is still a mystery?

With the top eight teams participating, the IHF could have done the game a service by seeing that the players stayed comfortably. With Pepsi pouring in money for the tournament, it was possible, but in Lucknow, one saw the teams staying four players to a room and getting Rs 75 a day. Now with Rs 75, what diet will the players get?

An official said that before the tournament started, Pepei had said that they will pay Rs 5000 to each player. They expressed surprised when they found out that Rs 75 was the daily allowance and couldn't comprehend how internationals agreed to take Rs 75 a day.

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## STRA-TIME EXTRA

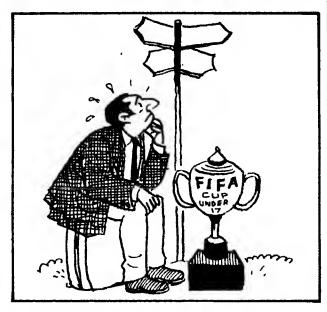
### **Master Stroke**

ASTER Card is the new official sponsor of the World Cup. FIFA general secretary Joseph S. Blatter and Master Card President and Chief Executive Alex Pete Hart recently signed an agreement at Los Angeles. So Master Card has joined Canon, Coca – Cola, Fuji Film, JVC, Mars and Philips as the official sponsors of the 1994 World Cup. Becoming a World Cup sponsor is as arduous and difficult a task as qualifying for the championship finals itself. Hence, Master Card started their public relations campaign with the distribution of Tee – Shirts and other publicity material in Italia '90 itself.

### **World Cup Logo**

HE United States of America (USA) is working overtime to make the 1994 World Cup a roaring success. With even three more years to go, the 1994 World Cup has already acquired a symbol. On April 17, the official emblem for the 1994 competition was unveiled in Los Angeles. It incorporates the colours of the USA flag (red and blue) with "World Cup '94" in black lettering circumscribing a football. Quite an artistic logo.





### In a Soup

TFA President, Joao Havelange's brainchild, the inaugural World Under – 17 championship, is jinxed. The championship was slated from Aug. 16 to Sept. 1, this year at Ecuador. But an outbreak of cholera in nearby Peru, has spread to Ecuador. So FIFA is now compelled to transfer the competition of the Under – 17 World Championship to another country.

But the problem is there are no takers so far. Considering India's penchant for staging international events, it is surprising the AIFF has not applied to stage the championships. As a compensation, Ecuador has been offered the opportunity to stage the 1995 Under – 17 World Championships. It is a biennial event. Japan are the hosts in 1993.

### **Oldest Referee Dead**

HE oldest FIFA referee in the world has just expired. The former French and FIFA referee, Georges Capdeville, died recently at the age of 91. The climax of his career was when he supervised the World Cup final at Paris in 1938. Italy beat Hungary in that memorable final. A bookkeeper by profession, Capdeville officiated at three French Cup finals. After his retirement from football he founded the first football school in France at Soulac in 1975.

### **Red Star Over-Europe**

AUL GASCOIGNE's days—at the top—are numbered. For, a young Yugoslav maestro is now about to stage a coup and dislodge him from his pedestal of quicksilver glory.

Robert Prosinecki is a 22 - year - old. ginger - haired midfielder who plays for Red Star Belgrade and his national side. At the moment, his performances are often scaling such lofty heights of excellence that critics believe he will soon upstage England's Paul Gascoigne as Europe's hottest property. According to some sources, Prosinecki has already signed a provisional 5 - year - contract with Real Madrid. The agreement will guarantee him \$15 million over the five years when his salary, bonuses, house and car are included making him the highest paid footballer in the world. And the funny part is that even though officials at the club and the Yugoslav Football Association have not acknowledged the record deal, Prosinecki is already driving around in a Mercedes declining to say where it came from.

In fact, Prosinecki's failure to disclose the source of his new found cash has fanned widespread speculation about his secret liaison with other clubs in Europe, who could have provided the Mercedes.

Could it be Real Madrid, or AC Milan, or even Olympique Marseille? The guessing game is titillating the Belgrade fans, though a confident Prosinecki, whose main assets are his technique, dribbling skill, resilience, precise passing over any distance and a devastating shot, especially from dead ball situations, is staying cool, however.

"Money is not everything. Of course, I'm ambitious and want to play for big clubs abroad. But it would have to be somewhere I'll be happy."

Well, as far as his football is concerned and his enormous promise Prosinecki seems destined to happiness. For, he is already on the road to transition from his relatively humble origins to the lifestyle of a millionaire.





Paul Gascoigne: facing a challenge

Interesting
snippets from the
world media

that we normally

don't get to

hear about...

### COLD FEET OR COLD TURKEY?

TS THERE no end to the number of ex-heavyweights planning to return to the ring? After George Foreman, 42, and Larry Holmes, 41, comes Leon Spinks, 37, who is thinking about a bout next month.

After meeting with Spinks and his manager, Dan Daly in Chicago, promoter Tommy Torino said all parties agreed that it was too soon for Spinks to have a sanctioned professional fight.

So as a warm up fight he was to take on an orthopedic surgeon, Harold 'Hackie' Reitman of Florida on May 23. But before Spinks steps into the ring he was to have undergone a medical checkup to show that he is free from drugs. Spinks suddenly got cold feet and withdrew from the scheduled fight.

### **BACK AT THE TOP**

TEN times winner of the British Open, Jahangir Khan who was demoted from the top two in the world squash ranking in March for



### **SPORTING**

the first time in 10 years, has regained his second spot.

Jahangir's victories in the German, Spanish, French and British Open have lifted the 27-year-old Pakistani squash legend over Australians, Chris Robertson and Chris Dittmar. The saddest part of the whole deal



Ex-heavyweight champion, Leon Spinks wanted to come back, but the lure of the mega bucks was not enough

was that Chris
Robertson, who was out
celebrating his
promotion to the
number two spot, had to
cut his celebrations
short.

One thing is for certain, with his wife sitting in his corner Jahangir Khan has found new motivation for his game.

The world ranking released by the International Squash Players' Association is as follows:

1. Jansher Khan (PAK); 2. Jahangir Khan (PAK); 3. Chris Robertson (AUST); 4. Chris Dittmar (AUST); 5. Rodney Martin (AUST).

### **POLITICAL MOVES**

WORLD chess champion, Gary Kasparov resigned from the Russian Democratic Party (RDP) of which he was a founding member. His resignation has split the party.

Kasparov's decision was supported by 100 of the party's 400 deputies after the chess Grandmaster argued with the organisation's leadership over party politics at a meeting in Moscow.

Kasparov's decision also provoked the resignation of the RDP member Arkay Murashov, a leading deputy of the Supreme Soviet.

But this time it seems

Jahangir Khan back at No.2 in the squash world rankings that the Grandmaster's political moves have been a little too hasty.

### **BOXING LUNACY**

DON KING is a maniac, but Bob Arum is worse—this guy is a raving lunatic! Arum, the promoter behind the Foreman-Holyfield fight, threw a heavyweight tantrum at a Manhattan television studio when analyst, Larry Merchant described Evander Holyfield's victory as a 'massacre'.

He burst into the control room shouting obscenities, tried unsucessfully to persuade Foreman, who was waiting for an interview, to leave the studio and called Merchant a 'low life'

And while we are on the topic of bad behaviour and lunatic tendencies try this one. An attempted publicity stunt by a television personality, Rick Dees, fell flat when neither Foreman nor Holyfield hit the deck, i.e., were knocked out.

Dees paid \$100,000 to have his name painted on the soles of the fighters' shoes so that if one of them was knocked out his name would show up.

Holyfield received \$51,000 and Foreman \$49,000, though Foreman felt that he should have received a larger amount because, "I've got size 12 feet." But the moral of the whole story is that lunacy doesn't pay.

### MCC TO MCP?

MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB, the game's oldest



institution, shut its hallowed doors on two proposals to allow women into the all-male club for the first time.

Rachel Heyhoe-Flint, a former England womens' Test captain, was put forward by a group of members who want to sweep away the tradition that only the Queen is allowed into the Lord's pavilion. They

Grandmaster Kasparov (right) plays chess better than he plays politics failed in their attempt.

The women have come up with a better suggestion, The MCC should change their name to MCP (Male Chauvinistic Pigs)!

### **FATHER'S FAULT**

THE ROYAL family is always in the news and sometimes overpublicised scandals take their toll as in the case of Princess Anne's son, Peter Phillips. The

(Left to right) Foreman and Holyfield mixing with the wrong crowd?

13-year-old withdrew from a school cricket tour of New Zealand following news that an Auckland woman, Heather Tonkin, had filed a paternity suit against Capt. Mark Phillips.

Capt. Phillips is the estranged husband of the Princess Royal and the father of Peter.

A case of the son having to pay for his father's escapades! That's not cricket!

### **END PIECE**

NOW that Ian
Botham's popularity
chart has dipped even
further, his mother
Marie has decided to get
into the news. The
64-year-old is standing
as a Conservative
candidate in this
month's council
elections at Yeovil in
Somerset.



### THE HEALTH COLUMN

UMP it up-surely the motto of all fitness enthusiasts of this decade. We all put on weight some time or the other and then, we try to shed it by indulging in various activities like jogging, pumping iron, aerobics or outdoor sports. What we often fail to realise however is the amount of stress we place on our l nees. Ever since man started using only two of his limbs, the trouble started. Once in a while, when the knees send warning signals, we do not pay enough heed to it. We consider it to be just a little case of being 'out of shape'.

A little pain is shrugged off, or worse still we try to work through the discomfort. One of the most often heard lines in the field

> is, 'You are letting that

little pain get the better of you. C'mon man you can't be serious. Get up and get moving.' The next time you hear this line repeated to you, and you are actually suffering from pain, tell the other person that you much prefer to take some time off.

The kneecap (patella) is the focus of the most common kind of knee pain, the runner's knee. Called the runner's knee it does strike non-runners too. Runner's knee could feel like a dull ache in the front of the knee, or a sharp pain in the inner surface of the kneecap. This pain is caused by damage to the cartilage behind the kneecap. In the first stage the cartilage gets soft and then eventually it gets chewed up by the friction.

Actually runner's

regimen for some time and you will feel the pain ease, after a couple of days. That's half the battle won. The other half is to consult the doc and make sure that there is nothing seriously wrong with those joints.

Essentially the knee is a ball sitting on a flat surface, held in place by four rubber bands, the cartilages. The problem occurs when these rubber bands are stretched too far, or when the ball is knocked about too much.

The most common reasons for people getting the runner's knee are

1. OVERTRAINING, or starting a new workout and trying to do too much too soon If you're embarking on a new fitness trip then take it easy for a while. Let the body, specially



## END T KNEE

knee is the result of excess or uneven pressure on the kneecap during activity. The first thing to do when you have a runner's knee is to take it easy. Lay off the exercise

the joints, get used to the pressure that is being put on them. If after starting on a new fitness programme you develop pains and aches specially in the joints then take it easy for a couple of days Once the body gets used to the pressure go for gold

2 HIDDEN WEAKNESSES Sometimes one of the four muscles that make up the quadriceps is not pulling its own weight Often this muscle happens to be the one that keeps the knee cap on the right track as it moves up and down In some cases the hamstrings are too tight in relation to the quadriceps and this again creates havoc on tho knees

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FLAWS Barely
noticeable
inisalignments of the leg
and the foot cause the
kneecap not to move
properly in its groove
These can be problems
you ie born with like
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be brought on by





two movable cartilage shock absorbers called menisci. Caused by a specific accident symptoms of a muscle tear are sharp pain at the joint when you move and slipping or locking of the joint. Tears don't usually heal on their own specially the tear in the middle of the

the knee and these ligaments can stretch to about 6% of their length After this any pressure on the ligaments just makes them snap

Now that we have underlined some of the most common causes of knee trouble the next question that you are going to ask us is how do I keep out of trouble Well, the best way to prevent an injured knee is to keep the muscles that operate the knee in top form Here are some exercises to keep those knees in peak condition But just a word of caution before we proceed, if at any time you feel uncomfortable or the knees start paining, STOP immediately

1) Straight Leg Raise Lie on your back on a hard surface Bend one leg up at the knee keeping the foot down flat Lock the knee of the other leg in an extended position and lift from the hip Raise your foot no more than 6 or 8 inches and hold for about 6 seconds

Then drop the leg and rest for about 6 seconds Do about 10 reps with each leg

2) Seated Quadricep
Extensions Sit in a chair
with your legs bent at
the knee and hanging
down With ankle
weights (up to 10
pounds) raise your legs
two thirds of the way
and hold for 6 seconds,
then rest Do about 10
repetitions

3) Hamstring Strengthener
Stand facing a wall with
your hands braced
against it for stability
With your ankle weight
secured lift your foot
and slowly bring your
shin to a 90° angle with
the floor Hold for 6
seconds then slowly
lower your foot Repeat
10 times

Remember, once you ve injured that troublesome joint of yours the chances of injuring it again are astronomical A little prevention can help you beat the odds A lot hinges on this joint, so don't let it let you down

### HAT PAIN

external factors like too much of running on uneven surfaces

The next most common knee injury is a cartilage tear, though actually it is not the cartilage that tears but menisci, because the flow of blood to that region is very little

Torn ligaments are another cause of knee pain It happens this way there are four ligaments that stabilise

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### ROUNDUP

### MADRAS

### **Merchants** Regatta

THE MERCHANTS AND
BANKERS REGATTA is one of
the most popular events in the
city's sporting calendar. One of
the oldest regattas in the country
(the first was held in 1900), the
annual meet conducted on the
serene waters of the Madras Boat
Club in Adyar, south Madras,
attracts some of the top teams.
And competition is always
intense, given the prestigious
nature of the meet.

This year, 74 rowers from twelve firms and banks took part in the six—day regatta. Eight of them were women, representing the Welcomgroup and the Apollo Hospital. There were nine entries for the challenger fours, five for the pairs and nine for the sculls.

For the first time since its inception, the meet came under

The Welcomgroup duo of Fowzia (extreme left) and Hemalatha won the Ladies Pairs championships in the Merchants Regatta

the purview of sponsorship. With the Standard Chartered Bank as sponsors, the event was christened "Standard Merchants and Bankers Regatta Classic 1991."

The Standard Machine Tools (SMT) had been dominating one event or the other over the last six years and had the unique distinction of making a sweep of all three events last year. Starting as overwhelming favourites SMT kept its reputation intact by winning the main event, 'the challenge fours'.

In the final, they got the better of Best 'A' comfortably. SMT also predictably won the overall championship for it had earlier won the challenge sculls for the seventh time in succession and the challenge pairs for the fourth time in a row.

While SMT's marked supermacy was along expected lines, the talking point of the meet this year was the fine showing of some debutant sides. Among them were Citibank and Apollo Hospital who finished runners—up in three events while Citibank won the clinkers pairs quite comfortably beating Apollo by over two lengths.

But the duo who attracted the most attention was the Welcom-group pair of Fowzia and Hemalatha. Without much practice, the two girls who are both employees of the Park Sheraton Hotel bagged the ladies pairs easily. With Gunesekaran as the cox the Welcom group pair scored a comfortable victory over the Apollo girls in the final.

Partab Ramchand

### CALCUTTA

### Hindusthan Open Snooker

ANOJ KOTHARI
may be a professionel
billiards player, but he showed
that he was still a force to reckon
with in snooker as he won the
Hindusthan Open All-Bengal
championship with elan.
Kothari's brilliance with the
coloured balls was too good for
Sonam Bhutia in the title round of
the State's first prize money
tournament.

The Hindusthan Open is one of the three prize money meets in the



State. It is a ranking tournament and therefore assumes significance because the top six finishers log points, the cumulative of which finally determines who gets to represent the State in the senior national tournaments.

As usual, this year's tournament, which gensrally marks the beginning of the snooker and billiards season, drew the top players in the city. But Shyam Jagtiani, a former champion, had to miss this year's tournament because hs has switched to the Railways and thus was ineligible for ranking meets in the State.

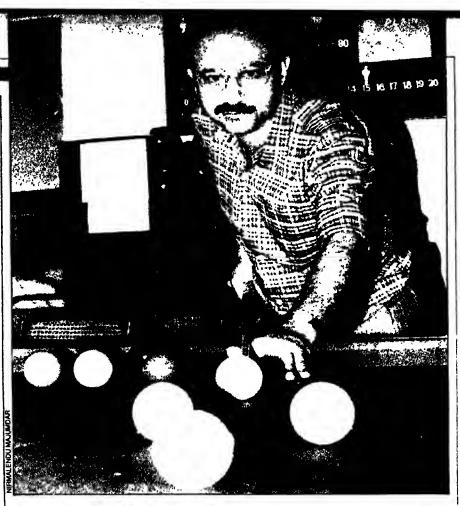
The biggest surprise of sorts came from finalist Bhutia who created an upset by outplaying Shakeel Ahmed in the semi-final round. Bhutia was in stunning form as Shakeel went down 4-1.

Kothari, on the other hand had a rather tough draw. He was pitted against Rohit Rajgharia in the quarter finals. Rajgharia, an upcoming youngster in the State, however, could not get Kothari out of his way. The senior playsr triumphed 4-2. Kothari's next opponent was Yusuf Mirza, another fancied name in the local circuit. Mirza had breezed past Sushil Sarda 4-1 in the quarter finals, but he met his nemssis in the bespectacled Kothari.

Mirza started well in the semi-final against Kothari. He pulled off the first frame 70-25. But Kothari bounced back in the second winning 69-38. Mirza was almost unstoppabls in the third. Kothari lost 21-95. But then Kothari dug into his reserves of experience and cut short Mirza's hurrah. He reeled off the next three, 62-50, 65-32 and 66-40 to gain the title round.

The final match was too one-sided as Kothari drubbed Bhutia five frames to nothing. Bhutia seemed overawed by the occasion and made numerous errors to make things easier for Kothari.

By the end of the first session, Kothari already had a 4-0 cushion. It was merely completing ths formalities after resumption. Kothari triumphed 58-32, 87-19,



Manoj Kothari was the winner of the Hindusthan Open snooker championships

68-20, 67-26 and 55-41. Kothari also had the day's best break of 82. **Soumitra Bose** 

### THANE

### **Exhibition Match**

RECENTLY, in Thane's Konddeo Stadium, an exhibition match was held between the India Veterans and Bombay Veterans. And for the seven thousand peopls who were present at the stadium, it was a treat to watch the masters of yesteryears wielding the willow.

For the India side, there were stalwarts like Abbas Ali Baig, S. Venkatraghavan, Roger Binny and Bishen Bedi. As for Bombay, they had greats like Sunil Gavaskar, Dilip Sardesai, Brijssh Patel and the agelsss warhorse Padmakar Shivalkar.

It was a fun game. You could see Abbas Alı Baig flashing a lazy cover drive. The elegance was still there, the stance was still upright, and the confidence supreme.

There was the sight of Eknath Solkar, still fit, running all the way to the boundary, collecting the ball and then throwing it parallel to the wicket. Vishwanath and Brijesh Patel sparkled with their lofted shots which no fielder chased once it want over their heads.

However, Sunil Gavaskar, was a little under the weather. The strokes were just not there and the likely reason being that the bowling took a lot out of him. So when he took a lofted shot, there was Ambar Roy at the fence who made no mistake.

Sardssai, on the other hand, was in fins nick, thrashing Bedi to all cornsrs of ths field, scoring a fluent 60.

The India Veterans scored 270 for 6 but Bombay in chasing the score, failed to overhaul it despite some desperate batting by Ghavri and Solkar.

The match was held to celsbrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Bombay Cricket Association. P.V.J. Kar

### **Be Sporting**

HE Dean Jones dismissal controversy which supposedly cost Australia the Georgetown Test could have been resolved in an amicable manner, had Richards recalled Dean Jones. It was surprising, since one expects players like Richards to be much more sporting.

Richards might have lost the match but then he would have earned the respect of people all over the world. This also reminds one of the time when Vishwanath recalled Bob Taylor, in the Golden Jubilee Test. India lost the match but that gesture of Vishwanath still figures as one of the best sporting gestures in the history of the game. Viv Richards should have taken a lesson too from players such as Sir Frank Worrell, Clive Lloyd or Courtney Walsh.

Winning the game sure is important, but winning the game in a righteous way is much more important. Is Viv Richards listening?

S. SURESH, Madurai.

### Excellent =

TENNIS talk in the issue dated (10—16 April) was excellent. It is indeed time to welcome the new queen of tennis, Monica Seles. Although it is a bit early and a bit disappointing to say goodbye to Graf, a change is always welcome.

It seems that the monopoly that Navratilova had when she was the queen will never be equalled. The pace of today's tennis is so fast that the players on top burn out at an alarmingly fast rate.

What caught my eye however was the parting shot of the article that said, 'Seles' dynamic progress should not be halted until the moment when fame becomes a nuisance rather than a novelty.' Wonder how many players of today would endorse that statement, though.

AMIT LOIWAL, Barods.



### Superb :

Paes by Vivek Das (17—23
April) was indeed superb. It came as a surprise to us sports lovers. Indeed it is only Sportsworld that is coming up with one surprise after the other. Remember Steffi Graf, Pooja Bedi, Kapil and now Leander Paes.

There is no doubt that Sportsworld is the best sports magazine in the country. Do keep up the good work, and keep giving us more surprises.

MERWYN. L. PINTO,
Hyderabad.

### Unjust ==

THE article on Kapil Dev in the issue dated 27 Mar—2 April was really superb and enthralling. Kapil has always been my favourite cricketer and I was thrilled to read so many new things about him and his lifestyle.

But at the same time it is unjust that people are talking about his retirement, when he is still at the top. He certainly has a good many years left to serve the country before he retires. The way he led Haryana to win the Ranji Trophy just goes on to prove that he has still not passed his prime. Here's wishing him all the best for the oncoming series.

NAVEEN GOYAL,
Jodhpur.

### Revealing!

THE article on Leander Paes (17—23 April) was indeed revealing. Now we know for sure that Leander has the potential to make it to the top. It is now up to us, specially the government, to see to it that Leander gets a chance to participate in the top tournaments of the world. In the past we have seen players with potential just fade away because they were not assisted by the government. Let's hope that the same does not happen in the case of Leander.

Here's wishing him all the best, and a million thanks to Sportsworld for their wonderful coverage. Keep up the good work. RAVI PRASAD, Mangalore.

### No More. Please

EORGE FOREMAN's loss to **G**Evander Holyfield has proved beyond doubt that comebacks are passe. Foreman was a fighter of a different era and of a different school of boxing. The Foreman who at one time gave Ali a run for his money was nowhere near that form when he took on Holyfield. Guys like Larry Holmes, who is planning a comeback, should learn a lesson or two from Foreman. These fighters should realise that boxing now is a much more faster, competitive and more brutal sport. Fighters like Holmes and Foreman should just rest on their laurels instead of trying to rake in more money. Let's hope that Frazier does not surprise us by announcing a comeback. We've had enough. FARHAT KHAN,

### PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Has cricket gone to the doge?
The action at the Eden Gardens,
Calcutta might have got quite
boring—the look on the press
photographers' faces highlights
triat—but that's still not enough
to deter this avid canine cricket
fan.

# THE AGEING



Elegant as ever, Jaisimha could still grace a cricket field if he chose to

### INTERVIEWED BY PRADEEP PAUL

The hair might be graying, but the mind is still as nimble as ever. The day spent lazing at the picturesque Secunderabad Club proving that this was one former cricketer who still emotes with the game. Between sips of chilled beer, Jai (as he is affectionately tagged) even took time off from his reminisces to demonstrate the finer aspects of batting to this very-average club cricketer. So what if the bat was an imaginary one, and the pitch a dining table? But that's Jai for you...

### Let's start from the very beginning. How did you get into cricket?

Basically my parents were very keen on sport right from the word go. They always believed that I should be involved with sport...in fact, any kind of outdoor pursuit. When they built their house, they also initiated a club where a lot of sport was played. But it was much later that I got into cricket in a big way. Otherwise it was a lot of badminton, tennis, swimming, athletics. So, since one was exposed to organised sport right from a very young age, the interest in all things sporting was generated.

Then there was a cricket team, so one went and played. From there into the Hyderabad schools team, the University team and then into the Ranji side. In fact, before the Ranji, what used to be called the Juniors—today it's called the Under-25—and was considered the stepping stone to Ranji Trophy. If one did well in the Juniors, you stepped into the Ranji side. That's how Abbas (Ali Baig), myself and all made the Hyderabad Ranji team.

### But what made you choose cricket?

It's strange because basically—in fact, my father was very keen too—my first love was tennis. I used to play much more tennis than cricket at that time. And even during the first four-five years of my Ranji career, it was both tennis and cricket. I still used to participate in tennis tournaments until, I think, in '57-58 when Ghulam Ahmed put his foot down. He said this wouldn't do because you are spending more time on the tennis court than on a cricket field. That's when I started tapering off on my tennis and concentrated totally on cricket.

Also, in those days, with so few teams playing, it used to be a question of one or two matches in a season if you were in tough company. Later on,

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What do you mean by batting for three days and scoring 790, asks Jaisimha

when the league came in, you were guaranteed of playing at least four matches within the zone. But the opportunity was much less then. You had to make it in the one or two matches you got to play. It, had its positive and negative points. See, if you did well, got to the semifinals, you got to play a few matches. Otherwise not. But you got to play in good company. The results were always very close. It all evened out eventually.

### At what stage did you start thinking about playing for the country?

You know, we just played the game. It never really occurred to us that we would don Indian colours-until I think '57-58 when the English tour was around the corner and people were saying that some of the Hyderabad boys must make it for the tour. Some of us had got runs—Abbas, myself had got some exposure against some visiting sides like New Zealand in '55-56. So one began to think in terms of making the Indian team. For example, when Hyderabad hosted its first Test match-New Zealand versus India—people like Polly (Umrigar) were playing and one, still only 17 and in college. got to watch people like Gupte, Umrigar, Vinon Mankad. Besides, Ghulam was leading the side, and since he was also leading Hyderabad at that time. one felt much closer. Also Abbas and I were picked to play against the tourists for South Zone. So obviously there was the feeling that there was an outside chance if one did well. That created, for want of a better word, a lust for the Indian slot.

When the West Indies came here—the marauding West Indians under Alexander, with Gilchrist and Hall—Hyderabad played them and one got some runs, so when the Indian team was selected after the Test series I was very, very pleasantly surprised to find my name there. Although there weren't too many people surprised in the South since they were expecting an outside chance for me. That was '59-60, and I had just turned 20.

### Didn't you spend some time in England?

That was some time later: just before the tour of Australia in '67-68. I was there for one season only, although they did want me to stay on for another couple.

### Which County did you play for?

No, I didn't play county cricket—although I had offers from Leicestershire and Somerset. But I said I





### Now employed by VST, Jai enjoys a good rapport with his colleagues

didn't want to tie myself down with a five-year contract. Also, my father wasn't very amused. He wanted me to get on my feet and not just spend my time playing cricket. So I played for a top team called Rishton in the Lancashire main league. Subhas Gupte and Johnny Waddle also used to play for that team. But, after Test cricket, league cricket didn't measure up to much. It was quite boring; you only play on weekends and coach some of the time. But quite frankly, one was so involved with international cricket at that time that it was more a breather than a learning experience. One had already played eight years for India at that stage.

### Looking back, which was the most enjoyable period of your cricket?

I think, quite honestly, the whole attitude has changed. You played your cricket very seriously, you enjoyed...it was a different kind. You were devoted to cricket allright, but that by-hook-or-by-crook kind of thing wasn't there. Not that I'm implying, but it wasn't an end-all. You enjoyed your cricket. You enjoyed the camaraderie. You enjoyed the tours—even though they were quite archaic, travelling second class by train, spending two days and two nights on a train to play a three-day match! Lodgings were sometimes real bad, but everything was made up because of the togetherness. In fact, it wouldn't be an exaggeration that for a lot of us, missing a Ranji Trophy match was totally unheard of. Even when playing for India, one kept ringing up the newspapers and asking what happened to the Hyderabad match. We had that kind of commitment to the team.

Saying all this, perhaps today's cricketers are that bit tighter than we were. You know, you got your 50s and 60s and a number of times you threw your wicket away. Fine, maybe the teams interest's were paramount, but still you could have planned and got to bigger totals. We always said 'c' mon, let's get on with it'. Even in Test cricket it happened. We took chances, which today's cricketers don't. Which is very good. That kind of extra bit of professionlism we lacked.

But, on the flip side, there are those who feel that today's cricketers play more for themselves...

Which is ridiculous, if you ask me. Because, you can play for yourself, but you have to play for the team first. I mean, if you get to a score of 150 and still say that I want to be 200 not out at the end of the day...I think, although I don't have all the details of the Bengal-Karnataka match, on the face of it I'd say Karnataka have only themselves to blame. What do you mean by batting for the better part of three days and scoring 790? It could be that a) you don't have confidence in your bowlers' ability to get them out

Jaisimha confesses that his first love was tennis

and b) you've shut the barn door because what options have you given Bengal except to play out the quotient? You should have damn well done something about your quotient. You should have batted more aggressively instead of some guy getting 250 and patting the ball back. That really epitomises what you're talking about.

Karnataka, having put themselves in such an advantageous position, squandered it. I'm sorry but I must criticise Kirmani on his lack of imagination—his lack of leadership skills. You should be thinking that, if you can't get them out in the time remaining, what are the alternatives for Bengal? Then you try and counter those alternatives. I mean, you ask a side to score 720 runs in two days and 90 minutes—that's an average of eight runs an over for that period of time—there is no alternative left for the batsmen. You can't blame anyone but yourself.

### In other words, you're saying that these guys are too defensive as compared to your time when players were much more cavalier...

Oh yes I'm particularly talking about the mid 60s when Tiger's (Pataudi Jr.) influence began. There was a feeling that we must tighten ourselves. That we must play to win, rather than being defensive. That we can be aggressive while not taking too many chances. By the 70s that got translated into effort. Yes, we cortainly were much more cavalier. You know, very rarely did Indian batsnen hit over the top in the late 50s. It was only when Tiger. Budh, Farrokh (Engineer) and myself started hitting the ball over the top that everybody said it could be done. Till then it was considered a bad thing to do if you lofted the ball and got out.

Tiger had a lot to do with this change of attitude He brought in a feeling of togetherness. He also made us feel that fielding is an important and interesting part of cricket. And by his own acts on the field, made us realise that it could be exciting as well. That's why everybody started to work on his fielding and India became such a powerful fielding side-particularly in close catching. People like Abid Ali, Solkar and others. It wasn't just overnight. In fact, people started getting upset if they didn't field well' So that made a significant difference in the approach to the game. That's when Indian cricketers started to feel that they could be the best in the game. Thought positive

### Did it bring you all closer as a team?

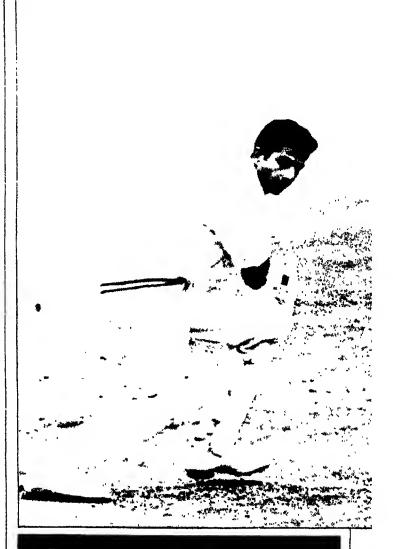
Of course. You know, after the match, you sat around in the dressing room and talked cricket. You unwound, had a couple of beers, discussed where we went wrong and chatted about how we could counter the problems of tomorrow. After that it was let's go have a ball. In fact, as captain of Hyderabad, I used to tell the players that they had to be fit the following morning—how they did it was their problem. Because, if they weren't fit, they were in trouble. The only other thing I used to put my foot down about as far as Hyderabad and South Zone.

were concerned was no card playing from one day prior to the match.

See, one found that while playing cards, (a) the eyes were strained and (b) you were gambling. It may be chickenfeed, but then we were paid chickenfeed in those days I mean, there were some who could afford to lose a 100 rupees, but there were others who couldn't afford to lose 10 rupees. And it hurts. As it is, you're supposed to be relaxing, not be tense about losing money. Then there was all that cigarette smoke in a confined room. It affects the eyes. I used to tell then that they could do whatever they wanted...but no cards. And that was the good part, because you treated everyone like an adult. You pointed out the pitfalls but left it to them to get into peak shape on the evening before the match.

### How about your personal psyche?

Nothing special Personally I suppose, particulary as far as Ranji and Duleep Trophy were concerned



The style, the elegance...of a man called Jai



Jai walks out to open the Indian innings with Nari Contractor at Trinidad, 1962

because I was captain, I used to be thinking of who we'd be playing against. Then we'd chat among ourselves and work out a general line of attack. Having already played against most of them, you knew what to expect anyway. All you needed to do was refresh your memory. And one day before the match you practised your strategy on the field. If we were playing against Vishy (G.R. Vishwanath), we'd try and work it so that we bowl to a certain field and maybe around the wicket.

So there was a lot of cricket talk unlike today when the dressing room is empty within barely five minutes of the day's play ending. And it's not only off to parties, it's where the hell you can get another big deal going, or something like that. Fine, everybody likes to make a little bit extra, but not at the expense of your sport. I mean, some of the boys today, you can't talk cricket to! There is no indepth understanding of the game. They go, play and then it's where am I going to get the next free meal or which product am I going to model for? And how much can I make an extra 20,30, 40 thou? Which I don't grudge. Why not? But at least give back to the game something that you've taken. Which is something we all firmly believed in

Today, how many senior cricketers talk to young cricketers on the aspect of technique? In our days, we even talked in the middle! You'd be surprised at the number of cricketers who used to come up and talk to Tiger, Abbas, myself Even opponents during

a Ranji match would come up and talk to us in the evenings. We were genuinely interested in trying to help

I think basically we were much more giving I'm not saying that the present generation doesn't give—I don't know much about that—but all I know is what I see There's hardly any talk on cricket As I said, the intricacies are so much Why, even Sir Don Bradman says that even today he's learning something new about the game!

### Guess that translates down to team spirit...

It was tremendous And I'll tell you the reason we had confidence in each other. Don't even for one moment think that only the present generation has personalities. Those days also there were personalities like Salim Durrani, Manjrekar, Umrigar Gupte, Tigei but there was trust. Particularly in the mid—60s. You may not have agreed on many things, but we talked about it openly

### Could that be because the present bunch are so insecure about the place in the side?

Yes it could be one reason. There is so much competition now, but it would be incorrect to say that our generation didn t face any competition. We did as much as fierce Which country in the world had six top class spin bowlers playing with only two getting into the side? You had Chandra, Pras. Bedi Venkat You had the likes of Shivalkar, Goel, Doshi Durrani V V Kumar and Subhash Gupte What more I mean look at it If that's not dog-eat dog competition, what is? Yet there was trust And, mind you although I was manager (of the Indian cricket team) only for one series in '85, I was a little bemused I couldn't really understand how the attitude had changed. The approach had taken on a different hue Why should today's cricketers treat cricket with such disdain? Why shouldn't there be as much team spirit as before

Maybe it's the lifestyle that's different Maybe the approach to today's life is slightly different You do your own thing and get the maximum from it Perhaps I don't think I'm qualified to make any comment on that, but I can make a guess I think it's something to do with a greater degree of selfishness I mean, I can't be more blunt than that

### Selfishness, in what respect?

In the sense that everybody's interested, to a certain extent you have to be able to give and share. After all, it's 11 men who constitute the team's effort. And if that is not there, then the it's very sad. Indian cricket has so much and can still rise again. Look at the Australians, they're an equally independent lot. I presume they're far more independent by nature than the Indians but as a team they have evolved, under Border, a way of playing cricket after their early setbacks. Now they're a disciplined lot—they dress well. I don't think anybody dresses as smartly as them. I mean, this business of Bohemian attitude and all that could be quite negative. You see, there's something in dressing well, in a blazer for example.

You feel good Clean formals look so much better than scruffy trackpants Somehow that gives a negative aura Maybe I mold fashioned I like to dress as casually as everyone else but

Part of the aura attached to your generation was the 'silk sleeves fluttering in the breeze' Was that an Indian image promoted by you all?

Perhaps I don't know Maybe subconscrously It was essentially Indian. We took pride in going out onto the field in a freshly laundered shirt and trousers. There's nothing wrong in being casually diessed In fact its very comfy to have a shower and shp into a pair of shorts after six hours on a cricket field But if there san official function surely a pair of trousers shift and blazer is not too much to ask for 9 I me an what the hell is the blazer good for then? We used to go out to toss in our blazers. But I was very happy when I saw Border go out to toss recently in his blazer. I think the Australians are bringing back order. The Bothamera in English cricket and the Ian Chappell etain Australian cricket seems over Some sort of pride seems to be coming back

There's clot to cricket than just playing or going through the motions. I think to a lot of us who were playing first class cricket regularly it was almost a way of life. You know when you played the game it was almost as though your individual personality was projected out. Now it's more like a job you just do If aggrois demanded you go that way. If it's not demanded you go the other way. I don't understand it. I mean getting a stump to lit's somebods. Christ'

### Have things changed so much? There must have been sledging even in your days

Oh yes Bul it was all forgotten after the match was over You know great fun now let's have a beer or let schat Isav I m sorry if I was a little rude Even internationally sledging was very definitely on But not to the extent where it got to be, hysical You played your cricket hard but it didn't mean you took it off the field. To cite a small example. I'll never forget when I played against the Australians in 1960 and I batted on all five days. Having played a lot against the guys before. I remember walking in to bat one morning and I said Good morning Wally Good morning Allen Wed after all had a great time in Bangalore having a beer and chatting about the game And they said get on with the game So you said fine In a way that helps you concentrate and makes you more determined. And after that the first thing Wally did in the evening was say Hey mate sorry about that right? That's the way we play our cricket. On the field we try and get out Like it's your business to get runs. That's a great attitude There's no need to say you re a bloody cheat and all that

We didn't give any quarter. Neither did we expect any You play your cricket. We'll play our cricket. And if it's fun after the game we'll laugh and split a beer. I don't see very much of that happening in today's cricket.



Jai thinks very highly of oldtimers like (from left) Bedi, Abbas Ali Baig and Venkataraghavan

### Did you try and encourage this attitude when you were manager?

See it was such a short trip just three lests and three one dayers. And things were going badly to begin with so one did try and devote the team meetings to telling them get on with the job let's concentrate think positive. The boys were quite frankly no trouble at all. Also it was Sirlank's and there was not much happening. And we were given strict instructions not to go out very much. All I told the boys was to be a little discreet, and just for the sake of safety. I asked them to tell me where they were going. Particularly the South boys. I also told Sirkkanth and Sirr not to speak too much I smill because it was a burning issue then after all. Why create problems unnecessing. But it was a happy tour.

### Was it a position you would have liked to hold for a longer period?

Oh yes there's ne doubt about it lifed that without saying that there he reasons for some of us not being more involved will the

Young and elegant, Tiger Pataudi and Jai plan strategy way back in 1965



Board—some of us wouldn't want to go and ask anybody for it. If somebody feels that one is competent enough, we're all available. We've never said no: people like Tiger, Abbas, myself. But there's no question of canvassing and saying 'listen. why don't you put in a good word for us?' Not only do I believe it is not necessary, I don't believe that something like that is good. It is up to the people controlling the sport to decide what's best for Indian cricket. There are, in India today, cricketers with vast experience whose talents can be utilised. But they're not being tapped.

### Is that the fault of the cricketers themselves or the administration?

I don't think there's anybody or any group of people in the Board who have sat down and analysed what is absolutely necessary. Development of cricket and it's sustenance on a longterm basis. In fact, to talk in terms of simple marketing, are we really marketing Indian cricket? We haven't tried to get more people involved

### If left to you, how would you go about it?

I think there are many ways of going about it. To begin with, when talking in terms of infrastructure, I have a very straightforward question: what is it that is the most important towards the continuing development and sustenance of Indian cricket? First things first, the playing surface—have we given enough attention to wicket preparation? Look at it, we're talking in terms of 1960 to '91. That's 30 years; and even today, nobody has paid even lip service to the preparation of the wicket. It's just left to some mali who's graduated into a groundsman. How can you blame them? What have we done about it? I want that answer!

Why is it that we don't have a team of specialists? Or why don't we send some of our people to learn the basics of soil. We've got some of the great names in horticulture in our country, but all we say-you in the media. I in the commentary box-is that the wicket is placed. It's dull. Lifeless. Nothing happens! Who's doing anything about it? Isn't it the Board's responsibility? Alright, if you don't have the expertise, borrow it. Or buy the expertise. And experiment. Say, let us make six wickets in Hyderabad, six in Bangalore...what's the cost? And say that if this soil is mixed with this, and given this weather condition, this humidity, this is what you'll get. All you've got to do is feed the ruddy thing into a computer and say, right, if you do this, what'll happen?

And then you experiment with it. Talk to people who've played the game People who say that this wicket—call it hit-and-miss if you like—perhaps will do this if you have the grass standing at this angle rather than that angle. Get about 15 former cricketers, send them out on a survey, and ask them to come back and tell us what will happen if we mix a certain soil with another. Faster wickets; wickets on which you get turn. Not these wickets where teams get 790 runs and when the other side goes in to bat.

they will get 800 if they had six more days. Is it cricket?

Alright, don't go to the extreme of having a wicket that will end the match in two-three days. Have a right balance between bat and ball. Give the pace bowlers a chance, give the spinners a chance, give the stroke players a chance. You see the crowds will start coming back.

The other thing is, has the Board—I'm not blaming the Board, in fact it involves all of us—done anything about making cricket a spectator sport? It's all being glossed over Because your one-day match in Calcutta draws one lakh people, you say 'what do you mean, there's no interest?' But what is happening to the Ranji Trophy? So what is the Board doing instead of just getting the sponsors to pay for everything?

Are the sponsors given any say in the sport's management? There has been very little farsight. I don't think the people in the hierarchy will like this but then it's quite obvious that there's not been a great deal of farsightedness about the continued promotion of the game. Yes, they did some positive thinking with the sponsorship. But is that enough? As I say, you can draw up a panel and tell them that your job is to figure out how to prepare better wickets, improve the standards of batting, of bowling. Never mind the expense. Just somehow generate more interest Change the rules if necessary. See, if you know a match is heading for a damn dull draw, would you listen to even a damn commentary? Why will you?

Shaking hands with the then President of India Dr. Radhakrishnan



### Have any other countries used this method of preparing wickets?

Australia did it. England have done it. To me, I'm taking you back to almost '73-74 and much before that, it's something Tiger and I have been saying for a long time now. Why don't you get these groundsmen from England? And once when we were in Bangalore to play against Tony Lewis' MCC side, All India Radio asked us to do a radio programme where I still remember Tiger and I saying the same thing to Wankhede, 'as senior vice president, what is the Board doing in terms of wicket preparation'. And it's on record.

#### And what did he say?

Oh, he did say yes. He said it was a very good idea and that they would look into it. But what I'm getting at is: that was 20 years ago and nothing has still happened! And any time you bring up the topic, they say 'Christ, you people talk only about wickets'. And I say, what else is there to talk about? It's like saying you have a stadium without a ground!! Without a surface, what kind of cricket are you going to play?

### Do you think that lifeless wickets have been the death of spin bowling?

Well, our wickets have seen to the death of spin bowling, let alone seam bowling. Unfortunately, a lot of the top teams playing domestic cricket today don't have the basics like line and length. That's the first thing any bowler needs. Getting any amount of spin or pace from the wicket is secondary; you must be able to pitch the ball on a line. If you can't do that, no amount of help from the wicket is going to make you into a topclass bowler.

### Do you blame one—day cricket for the deterioration of spin bowling in our country?

Basically it's a combination of one - day cricket and lack of opportunity. A lack of long spells. A spinner does like a little time to settle down. That's one aspect. But we play a heck of a lot of three - day and five—day cricket, surely that is where you should be honing your skills. It is really unfortunate that there is not enough mind devoted towards the absolute basics of the game. There's no point in spinning the ball a yard if you're spinning it from leg:stump to outside leg stump. The idea is to get the wicket. You've got to either bowl a batsman, get him out leg before or get him caught. If you spin the ball so much that you're beating the bat and the wicket and the pad, then you're not going to get a wicket!

Then again, how many spinners in the country really spin the ball? It's not a question of how much turn you get after you pitch the ball, it's the revolution of spin in the ball. You might not get it to turn all that much, but will get an overspin if you spin the ball. Lots of people now are rollers and then hope that the wicket will give it some deviation. People like Prasanna, Ghulam Ahmad, Bedi, Chandra were all genuine spinners who spun the ball in the air, as against the roller.



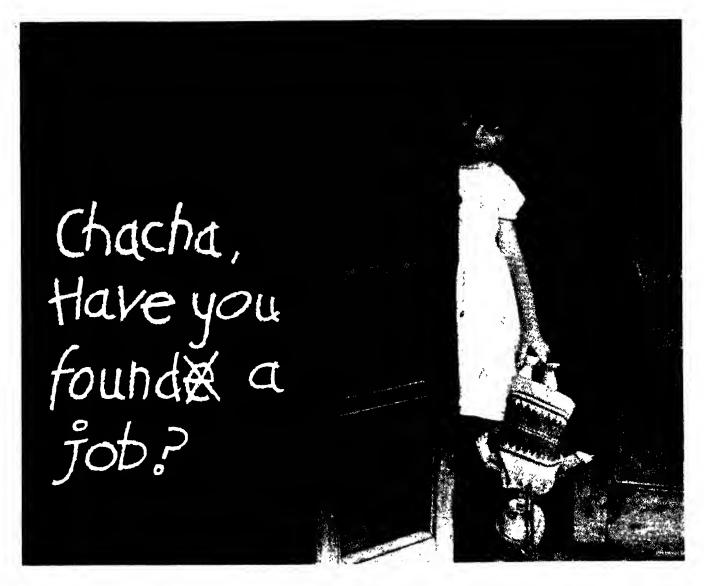
Even the aggressive side of Jai's batting had elegance stamped all over it

How do you envisage Indian cricket once Kapil packs up? I think there's going to be a tremendous void. We'll be minus a major strike bowler Barring Kapil, very few bowlers in the present Indian lineup can bowl more than one ball in an over- or a maximum of two—on the spot That is how Kapil gets wickets He may have lost a lot of his pace and on occasion, because of his knee problem, a certain amount of the movement he had earlier. But he's accurate He's on the spot. That a man like him can get so many Test and one—day wickets on wickets that have given him no help at all speaks volume for the basics of bowling-line and length

Even our spinners don't pitch the ball today You watch a Bedi, a Prasanna, a Venkataraghavan or even a Vinoo Mankad, even on a dead wicket they'd be there Which Indian spin bowler today bowle on a line and length? You'll find that you are not able to consistently exploit even a bad wicket.

### What about programmes like the MRF Pace Foundation? Will it unearth talent?

Under the present format, I'm afraid not quite. See, because talking in terms of expertise, it has to be over a prolonged period of time. First and formost, Lillee should have first coached people to take over and then come and supervised. That's better than doing it only for a couple of days in a year. It's not good enough. It has to be a continuous process. And when you're talking about importing certain skills, you need to be involved on a day − to − day basis. In that it has failed, whereas the Britannia tennis has succeeded because the coach is resident. I think MRF have got the right idea but perhaps haven't been able to implement it in the way it ought to have been. ●



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### QUIZ

#### **QUESTIONS**

1. In cricket who is a 'slinger'?

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- Alan Davidson of Australia got a wicket with the last ball in his last Test match. Who was the victim?
- 3. An Australian all-rounder (who played up to 1922) was nick-named the "Big Ship". Who was he and why was he so named?
- Another ali-rounder, also Australian and a contemporary of the one mentioned, was nick-named the 'Governor-General'. Who?
- 5. "The Claw" was the nick name of yet another former Australian cricketer. Who is he?
- 6. One of Australia's famous former Test umpires was a detective in his home city of Brisbane. Who?
- 7. Where will you find the 'M.A.' Noble Grandstand?

#### **ANSWERS**

- 1 A bowler with a low delivery.
- 2. Alan Smith (England).
- 3. Warwick Armstrong. He weighed 22 stone.
- 4. Charles Macartney.
- 5. Alan Davidson
- 6. Lou Rowan.
- 7. Sydney Cricket Ground.

### CHESS

I picked this game for two reasons. One, because it's a classic example of a kingside attack.
Two, I've seen an amazing number of people wiped out by cloned versions of this, both in skittles games and serious matches. Judit Polgar clinched her first GM norm and the best game prize with this win at the age of 13.

White: Nijboer Vs Black: J. Polgar, OHRA Amsterdam, '89.

164 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Bc2 a6 7 0-0 Nf6 8 Khi Nxd4 9 Qxd4 Bc5 10 Qd3 h5!? A coffee house move—but it can work.

11 14 Ng4 12 Nd1 b5 13 a4 b4! A new move but mentioned earlier by Marjanovic who thought 14 c3 an adequate reply. White's next is an error that blocks up the queenside and allows black to park her king

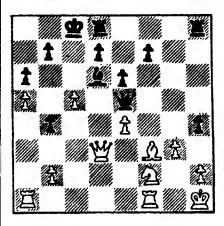
safely.

14 c4? Bb7 15 a5 0-0-0 16 Be3 Nxe3 17 Nxe3 g5! There an old Hungarian Proverb "Having said A you must say B" ie after 10—h5 17-g5 is mandatory.

18 fg5 Qe5 19 Bf3 Qxg5 20 Nd1 Qe5 21 Nf2 Bd6 22 g3 h4 23 c5 [See Diagram] hg3! 24 Qxd6 Rxh2 25 Kg1 gf2 26 Rxf2 Rg8 27 Bg2. White also loses after 27 Kf1 Rf2 28 Kxf2 Qxb2 or 27 Rg2 Rhxg2 28 Bxg2 Qxd6 29 cd6 Bxe4.

27—Rh5 28 Rci Qh8 29 Rxf7 Rxg2 30 Kxg2 Qg8 31 Qg3 Bxe4 32 Kf2 Qxf7 33 Ke3 Bc6 (0-1).

Devangshu Datta



### BRIDGE

The Calcutta Bridge Club, comprising Shobhan Mitra, Chamoy Sen, H. Banerjee, Pradeep Pal Choudhury and H.Nandi, played for West Bengal in the inter-state championship for the Gurudutt Trophy at Puri. In the final of the Bengal trial, they defeated my team Haldibari by the narrow margin of 3 imps. This is a board from an earlier round of the trial:—

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At the other table, my teammates had played peacefully in 3 NT from the North seat. This required only a favourable lie of the spade suit and duly made four on a diamond lead. In the Open Room, my partner Debashis Ray's preempt forced South, Gopal Choudhury, known in tournament circles by the nickname of 'Kapal-babu', into a shabby heart game on a shaky 5-2 fit.

Sitting West I dutifully led my singleton and dummy played low. It seemed best to Debashis to follow with the deuce as a suit-preference signal for clubs---- I am sure anybody else would have done the same for this would be the winning defence if West had Qx of trumps. Here, though, this gave declarer a chance to shine which he utilised At trick two, I led a low club and East ruffed with the ten.

When Debashis returned a low diamond at trick three, Gopal Choudhury went into the tank and finally emerged with the winning play---- he ruffed the diamond with the queen, cashed heart ace, dropping the king, and drove out my heart jack With declarer marked with a 3-5-1-4 hand. I could see that South would have to rely on a double-finesse in spades as East was known to have started with a 3-2-8-0 hand (he ruffed the first club, showed up with two hearts and I showed out on the second diamond) and that declarer had enough entries in clubs to do all that he needed to do. So, on winning the heart jack, I played back the six of spades, hoping against hope, but that only preponed the inevitable as we could surrender when Gopal Choudhury played a low spade from dummy, winning with his nine.

Santanu Ghose

# AVING gone through the beginners and intermediate levels of gutbusting now it s time for the real McCoy. The advanced stuff. The stuff that s going to make you contort your face in agony. and rip the absto the minutest details.

Interested? Okay here goes The upper abs first. Do the crunch on a decline bench. That means putting a bench up against a wall—hey make sure it doesn t shp! hooking your legs up at the higher end and doing the same curling up motion with the upper body. Keep the knees bent, and try and feel the burn in the abs as you curl up.

Once this becomes too easy try holding a 10 pound weight behind your head. How does that feel? Don't yank on the weight and injure your neck. Just let the abs do all the work.

Now for the lower abs You need a high bar for this something like what you use for pull ups Get a good grip on the bar and hang from it. Then clenching the abs. pull your knees up towards your chest. At the top of the lift, pull the pelvis up towards your ribeage too. That Il really give the abs a stretch crunch

Once you ve got the hang (no pun intended) of this try lifting the legs and pelvis up and to the side. This will get the side of the waist into the excitement. Just make sure you aren to swinging around too much, and get going. Oh and by the way hope your arms and shoulders are strong.

### **P**FITNESS **P**

### ADVANCED AB-WORK



enough to take the strain!

Once you ve got down to such minute details it's time to attack those stubboin love handles. Perhaps the toughest bit of fat to take off this exercise side crunches puts the obliques through the

wringer while also whittling away the fat that has accumulated at the sides of your waist Lie on a bench (like shown in the picture on the opposite

page) and lift your shoulders off the bench even as the legs go approximately six to eight inches off the bench too. This will crunch the muscles on the side of your waist making them stronger and eventually, when you've done enough of them, display as much muscular definition as the big slab in the middle of your abdomen.

That just about does it for the gut. Now it's up to you to dee de which level beginner







# GIANLUCA VIALLI HE MAN WHO

WHAT would Julius Caesar do if he was a modern Italian home boy? Perhaps listen to Madonna, wear Giorgio Armani suits and worship Gianluca Vialli. In a country where prima donnas are liberally sprinkled and regional tensions keep people on the edge, the Italians have one healing balm going by the name of Gianluca Vialli. Apart from perhaps Sophia Loren, the Italians have never showered/so much love on any other superstar.

Gianluca, however, is no Maradona. He is a simple homeboy who loves his country as much as his game. With the current season coming to a close, and Vialli's club Sampdoria in line for the League championship, Gianluca's star is on the ascendent like never before. He has scored 17 league goals and leads the tally, five goals ahead of nearest Italian rival Roberto Baggio. His European fixtures have netted him 14 goals, one behind leader Jean Marie Papin, captain of the French national equad and

super club Olympique Marseilles. Vialli is simply the

best this season.

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matrons think he is the perfect son. And a whooping 75 per cent men feel that he is a soccer gentleman. And this coming in the wake of a disastrous World Cup is amazing. Vialli, in fact had blown the chances he got in Italia '90, letting new kids Baggio and Toto Schillachi overshadow him.

But then soccer is an unpredictable business. For four years Vialli had been groomed to inherit Paolo Rossi's mantle. He knew it was coming. So did the people around him who were expecting miracles from him. For a 24-year-old, the pressure was smothering and he simply couldn't hit top gear. "I don't know what went wrong last summer," says Vialli, "I think I was playing against an image which really got the better of me. Now there are no problems." No pressure, no tension either which is one of the reasons he is in such devastating form this season. Says Vialli, "I think this is the best season I have ever had. I never enjoyed soccer so much before."

In a typically Italian manner, Vialli adds, "The last two years, I feel my luck was not with me. I was and am still the same. Maybe heaven didn't want me to have everything so fast, so soon." Vialli, once Italy's most consistent marksman went through a goalless streak for 14 months which peaked in the Italia '90 preliminaries. In fact in the very first match of the World Cup itself he picked up a thigh

intury which hampered his chances,

But now it seems he has got everything behind him. "I play for my fans, for my team. I try my best, sometimes I fall and sometimes I win but it really does not bother me if I have socred or not," adds Vialli. It is this sort of modesty which adheres him to millions of soccer crazy Italians who think he is an answer to their prayers. Infact many believe that it is Vialli's heroics which have put his hometown. Cremons on the Italian map. Born to a millionaire real estate businessman, Vialli was introduced to football at the age of seven by a local priest. And ever since then he hasn't had the time to look back.

Vialli started playing with second division
Cremonese at the age of 16 but only a year later is
caught the eye of Paulo Mantovini, the shipping
Lyccon and owner of Sampordia. For a cost of
\$200,000, Vialli scon shifted to Genos and has
remained there since then. In fact Mantovini is often
heard saying, "That was the best investment I have
ever made in my life." Infact Mantovini has been
nurturing the home grown variety of players like
Vialli and Mancini, for years now, "Ever since I saw
Vialli, I knew this boy was a match winner." Says
Mantovini.

## WOULD BE KING



This long standing investment paid off handsomely last year when Sampdoria created history and won the Cup Winners Cup for the first time in 44 years. They defeated Anderlecht 2-0, with Gianluca Vialli scoring both the times. Vialli had once again shown that he is the only star of the club, while the rest of the players are merely workhorses. In the recent season he has consolidated this point, scoring with devastating regularity. Vialli now is being marked by at least four players on the field all trying in vain to prevent him from hitting the netters.

Vialli, knows life is not easy at the top. The strain of performing endlessly can take its toll on the tody quite heavily. In fact, he missed the first eight games of the current season because of a knee injury which has been nagging him for quite sometime now. The reason, experts cite, for this injury was a fault osused by the way he runs, hearing weight on the cutside of the foot. But for now it seems, a specially designed shoe has helped.

improve his guit and game as well.

Vujadin Boskov, the Yugoslavian who concluse Sampordia says. Vialli is at his very best now. He's matured, he's in reak condition and we can always emport goals from him now that he has put behind his injuries and disappointments from the World Cup. Boskov predicts, that with his present average of 0.85 goal purgame. Vialli stands to express at least sight make goals. This vill make him go for Falice has it unlessed in recent of 35 batters in 28 games at all and the last with his present. This will make him go for Falice has it unlessed in recent of 35 batters in 28 games at all and the last games a



Ashwini is produced by Usha Kiran Films of the Eenadu group at a cost of Rs.35 lakhs. It is a story of how an athlete, through aheer dint of hard work, makes it to the top. 'Parts of the film are autobiographical' Ashwini says, 'but i wanted to act in a film which shows how much of struggle there is in the life of an athlete.' Co-starring with her as her coach is Telugu actor Bhanu Chander.



O.J.

# PRIVATE EYE WE LOOK WHERE WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO!

### BORG'S PROBLEMS DEEPEN

And now murder!

HIS is really a hot week as far as sporting scandals

are concerned, and comeback 'flop' Bjorn Borg contributes his share. As a matter of fact, he always did. Borg was driven to tennis after a series of disastrous multi-million pound deals flopped. This allegation came from a private detective who investigated the death of Borg's former secretary Sonja Armstrong.

Officially, the Monaco police say that there was nothing suspicious about the 30-year-old Australian's death at her home in Monte Carlo. But West German Frank Heigl, a former police detective, has said that he believes further investigations must be carried out.



Borg: first it was bankruptcy and now murder

According to Heigl, Armstrong might have been 'bumped off'. The former secretary held valuable documents relating to the dramatic collapse of Borg's fashion business empire. To make matters more suspicious, she died only three weeks after leaking them to a reporter from the German newspaper Bild. Armstrong also had access to the computerised records of all the operations of the Bjorn Borg design group.

Bild claimed that those associated with the company lived jet-set lifestyles. Money was splashed on parties and the company's executives drove high performance cars and flew all over the globe. In Monaco, they were called 'The Golden Boys'. And who was left to foot the bills? Borg himself!



Donnelly with his wife Diane. Love in the fast lane

### RACING AND MARRIAGE

Both by accident

OVING off from clowning, we're gonna dish out some slapstick romance. You know, the kind that makes your eyes go misty with emotion.

Racing driver Martin Donnelly (how many of you have heard of him?) walked up the aisle last month to marry the glrl who helped him recover from the crash that nearly killed him.

Donnelly's a fast guy, (no pun intended) no question. And when he crashed up while driving at 176 mph, his closest aides gave hlm up for dead. There was, however, one exception and that was the Ulsterman's childhood sweetheart Diana McWhlrter, whose love and attention helped him through. "This was the day I never thought would happen," Donnelly said. "As soon as I can I will be back at the wheel of a racing car." Diana was equally determined that he return. "I come from a racing family and I won't stop him," she said. Donnelly's now fully recovered from his injuries—that is, crushed legs, fractured skull and falled kidneys—what's more, Lotus has promised to sign him on once more when he's fully fit.

Now that's the best news to come crashing down on him.

### GAZZA AND HIS JOKES

A clown without a circus

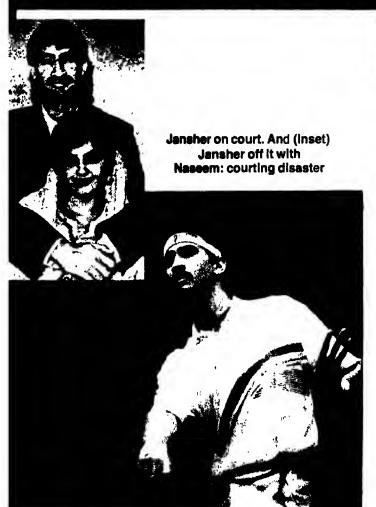
AZZA, GAZZA, GAZZA! This guy just can't stop oafing around. What we're basically trying to say is that he's a constructive idiot. Like when recently, Gascoigne proved himself to be the clown prince of sport—and got a big kick out of it as he dished out the punchlines. Gazza put up quite a show as he fooled around with Tottenham teammate Paul Allen and Spanish star Nayim, while they recorded a song with their teammates to celebrate their appearance in the FA Cup final.

Gazza continuously licked their cheeks and even tried to stick his tongue right up Allen's nostrils as the three of them mimed to the record, when the Year Ends in One. But Britain's favourite son, had earlier arrived at the Red Bus Studios at Paddington, in a rather sullen mood. His grandfather had just been buried and he had reporters hounding him for comments following his allegedly drunken behaviour at an Essex nightclub.



Gazza with Paul Allen (right) and Nayim (left): just can't stop clowning

Like we said, there are clowns and there are clowns, but Gazza's not part of that ordinary herd. He's in a class by himself.



### UNFAITHFULLY YOURS

Jansher Khan

F marriages are made in heaven, then they're breaking up equally fast on earth. And who would

ever suspect Jansher Khan of promiscuity. None. Wrong! The world squash champ has been provided with extra security ever since he was accused of being involved with another man's wife. The victim in question is 40-year-old Pervez Akhtar, a father of three. Pervez's wife-rather his second wife-Naseem 30, has fallen for Jansher's charms. "She has been taken in by his good looks and fame," raved her husband. Jansher, himself married with a two-month old baby, lives in West London and he declined to comment on these accusations. Akhtar said that his wife left home after he found intimate photographs of her and Jansher. "I went mad," he said. "I demanded to know what they'd done." Now that's asking. The last we heard was that Mrs. Naseem Akhtar was filing for divorce and has taken out an injunction against her husband going anywhere near her. That didn't stop her husband from raving. "He came as a guest to

But now he is a zero."
Incidentally, this is not the first mantal tragedy for Akhtar. Thirteen years ago, his first wife drowned herself and their three children after he took Naseem as his wife. He was also badly scarred when she poured boiling oil on his head before the tragedy. Some guys have all the luck.

my house. He was famous, handsome and a hero.

# freewheeling



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The secrets behind Sabatini's success

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aby, tomorrow morning at 5.00, you and I blow up New City, came Vassovich's squeaky voice as the Secret Seekers listened behind the walls. Vassovich looking at his watch, timed a similar looking one. And fixed it on the UFO. Leaving the UFO in the garage, he went back in.

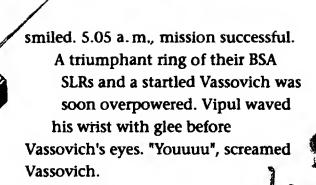
#### DASHING THE PLAN

Ralph tried a joke to ease the set the resion. "Shut up Ralph, this is serious," said Pooja. Suddenly

Vipul rang his BSA SLR's bell as he always did when he got an idea. "Hey, why don't we...," and the others nodded in excitement.

Vipul disappeared behind the wall. After an eternity, he was back, smiling mysteriously. Parking their BSA SLRs, they waited. At 4.15 a.m. Vassovich came out and headed for the Richman Cliffs.

The windier, bumpier route to the cliff top was easy on their BSA SLRs.



Guess how New City was saved

Vas Vich

To know whether Mad Vassovich succeeded, read "The Mystery of the Star-Crossed Shoe." So long... Happy cycling on your BSA SLR.



THE MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

On top, Vassovich had already positioned his UFO. On the dot of 5.00, he switched on the remote. Nothing happened. The Secret Seekers





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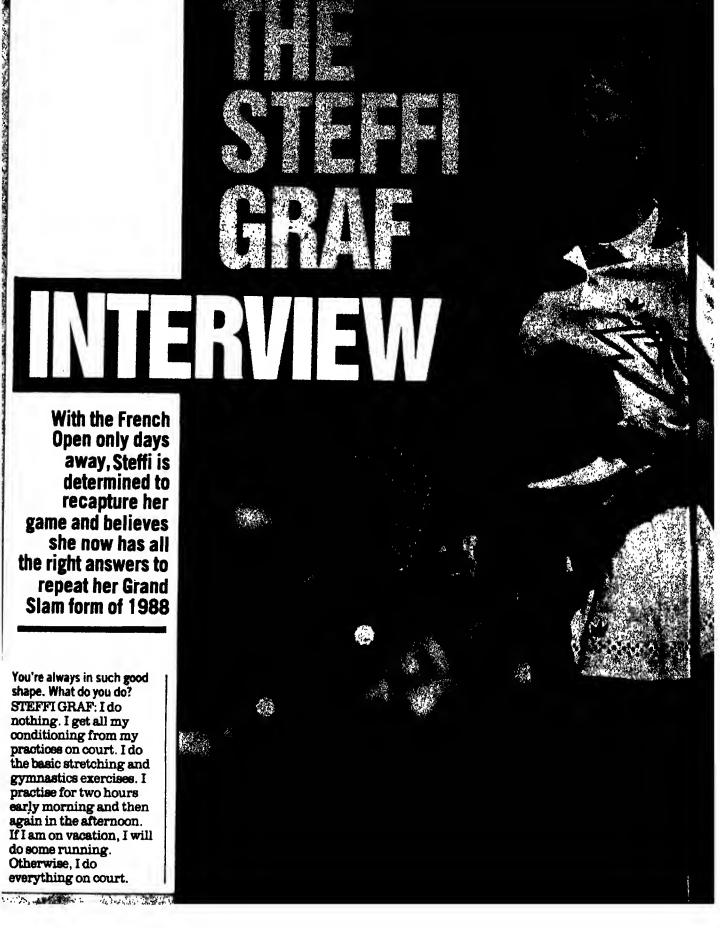
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### SPECIAL FEATURE

With the French Open only days away, Steffi is determined to recapture her game and believes she now has all the right answers to repeat her Grand Slam form of 1988

You're always in such good shape. What do you do? STEFFI GRAF: I do nothing. I get all my conditioning from my practices on court. I do the basic stretching and gymnastics exercises. I practise for two hours early morning and then again in the afternoon. If I am on vacation, I will do some running. Otherwise, I do everything on court.





Do you have a special diet? No, but I am careful about what I eat. I like Italian and German food. I love apple pancakes. I also like cakes and other bakery goods sometimes.

Gabriela Sabatini felt her routine had gotten stale and decided to change coaches etc. Do you feel the need to make such changes?
Pavel Slozil is my coach. He will definitely be with me through 1991. I will practise with different people in between the tournaments. That will be the only change.

You seemed to have been injured or sick at most of the tournaments last year? My health problems affected my tennis the most. I can think of only five times that I played without physical problems. I never felt perfect all year. I am just glad that it is over and behind me.

Many people thought Gaby's win at the US Open was a fluke-until she beat you again and again. She seems to have great success against you by charging the net against your backhand. At the Open, Gaby was so tired from her semifinal with Mary Joe [Fernandez], she had no choice but to come to the net. She did not have the energy to beat me from the backcourt. I was not myself. I was so nervous. At the Slims Championships I was very sick (with a virus) during the week and could not play my best. But Gaby has definitely improved.

I saw you hitting two-handed backhands in your warm-up. Is this a new



Steffi's mother has aged a lot in the last year

thing?
(Graf laughs). No I'm
just going to hit my own
(one-handed
backhand).I'm not
changing anything.

Do you feel that women's tennis has improved?
Definitely. There are so many players winning tournaments now. There are many players coming up as well. The players are better athletes now. They are stronger. It makes it much more interesting to me.

Can the women play the best of five sets like the men do?
Absolutely.
Three-out-of-five sets would be better. I hope the Grand Slam finals can be three-out-of-five sets this year

With the other players improving will you change your game to remain a step.

ahead?
I need to come to the net more often. I want to work on my volleys. But I have always worked hard on all parts of my game. I have always given 100 per cent to improving everything. I can do no more than that now

Are you changing rackets? I'm trying a different racket but I don't know if I'll switch.

Are you trying to get more power?
Oh, (sarcastically) do you really think I need more power?

Have you ever used any steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs?
No, I don't need to.

Have you ever seen any steroids used on the circuit? No, not ever. It won't do any good in tennis.

There have been rumors that you might play doubles

with Martina this year.
No, I'm not playing doubles, so I'm not playing with Martina. I think Pam Shriver will be playing with Martina.

What makes you such a good player?
Well, everyone has their strengths. I think footwork and timing are two of mine. They help me get power on my shots. Also, my ability to concentrate has helped me win many matches, especially the tough ones.

Do you consider yourself a perfectionist?
Yes, I hate making mistakes. I get angry with myself all the time I even get angry when I miss left-handed backhands in practice.

Chris Evert has such a great public image. What kind of image do you think you project? How do you want to be perceived by the public? I do not care about public images. I do not work on this at all. I hope people come to see my tennis. I make sure I complete all my commitments. It is only important to me to be myself, and if that is a good public image, fine I see no reason to be anything but myself.

Do you feel that the public has misconceptions about you?
There are probably

There are probably some. Sometimes I get angry or look tough, but I need to be that way in order to play my best. If it comes across negatively, what can I do?

Both you and Boris Becker have had problems with the German press. What can you do to cope with them?



They are horrible and there is little I can do about it. They will write whatever they want to write. I do not worry about it anymore. Boris and I have very different personalities and handle the situation differently. Boris is much more outgoing and talkative about his feelings. I cannot show as much; I keep more to myself. Boris feels better living in Monte Carlo, to get away from the pressure. For now I want to live in Germany. It is my home, although I am not there a lot.

To whom do you go to for advice?
Usually my parents. I trust the people who travel with me. I can talk to Pavel, my parents, my brother, or my masseuse,
Capellmann. But usually I think for myself.

Do You want to be more independent? I have always been independent. I always do things on my own. I have so many friends, but I have always found time to be by myself. It is

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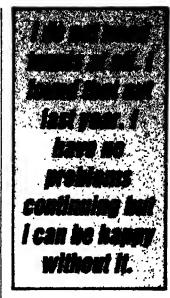
important to me. I like it.

What do you do when you're by yourself? I do all the things, I never have time to do. I love photography. I carry my camera with me 52 weeks a year. I like taking pictures of people, ordinary things, or ugly things like wrecked cars and garbage cans. Everywhere I go I see pictures I want to take. I also like skiing and going to the movies.

Do you have a boyfriend? No.

Little has been written about the contributions you make to charities. You don't seem to be the kind of athlete who just lends her name to a cause. I receive thousands of requests, so I cannot respond to everything. But helping certain groups is very important to me. In Leipzig [Germany] I donated my winner's check to the junior tennis development program. When the crowd stood up and cheered for me. I was in tears. It was such a great feeling. I also was involved with the peace memorial that was built in Hiroshima. I went there to help commemorate it. I also work with different wildlife associations. If I am asked, I join certain causes in my hometown of Bruhl].

You are very busy off the court. When you did the layout in Vogue, were you testing the waters, thinking in terms of another career? No. I am a tennis player first. Through the tennis I get the



opportunity to try different things. I gave Vogue an interview and they wanted to take the pictures. The German press criticised me for doing it. They did not think the pictures were appropriate for an athlete, a tennis player. But I had fun; I enjoyed it.

With all the chaos and pressures, how have you maintained your focus, your peace of mind?

I just try to be away from tennis as much as possible. I play and try to leave right away. I try not to be around the circuit that much. I love to play tennis but I love it even more when I have time away from it.

How much do you need tennis? Could you just walk away from it?
I do not need tennis at all. I found that out last year. I have no problems continuing to play for a very long time, but I can be happy without it. I have goals for when the tennis is over.

What do you want to do? (Graf just smiles and walks away) ● Interview by Andres Leand



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Summertime and the living's easy.

White beaches and cool breeze. Bikinis colour the Mediterranean coastline. Short skirts flap on city streets. Designer sunglasses are slipped on. Wine cellars are running dry. Europe is waking up, the tennis people are in town. The circuit moves from Monte Carlo to Madrid to Munich to Hamburg to Rome to Bologna to Dusseldorf. Compressed ball cans whoosh open. Guts are tugged like violin strings being tuned. Feet slither, slip, slide across the red, brick dust called clay. Sweat drips. Forehands thwack. Backhands hiss. Points come and go like night and day. Crowds roar, murmur, jeer, weep. Then all at once there's no time left to practice or tune-up or get ready. Because it's Paris, Roland Garros, the French Open. It is time to find out who's the best out there.



# TRIVIAL PURSUIT



RIVIA OF '89

\* What McEnroe called "the biggest upset in the last 20 years": Michael Chang's shocking 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 victory over No. 1 seeded Ivan Lendi at the 1989 French Open. \* Odds against Chang when he won the 1989 French Open: 98 to 1.

\* What McEnroe vowed he'd do right after Chang won the 1989 French Open if Chang got to the Wimbledon final: "I will drop my pants on Centre Court." ⋆ Only thing that 1989 French Open champion Michael Chang



said his parents ever forced him to do' Take his vitamins \* Reason in 1989 that 17-year-old Chang had not talked to superstar Jimmy Connors since he joined the pro tour: "I'm too chicken" \* How Chang once described himself: "Evangelist with a racket."

\* Stern warning that Goran Ivanisevic's coach, Balazs Taroczy, gave him prior to his 1990 French Open first-round upset victory over Boris Becker: "No tanking and no racket throwing."

\* Average age of French Open women's semifinalists in 1986: 27 years, 5 months.

\* Average age of French Open women's semifinalists in 1990: 18 years, 5 months.

\* Number of American men who tried and failed to win the French Open between Tony Trabert's 1955 conquest and Michael Chang's 1989 triumph: 494.

\* Surprise 1989 French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez's three goals in life: "To become number one, to have a house on the beach and to meet Tom Cruise."

\* The best men's tennis players of the century in a poll, published during the 1990 French Open by the sports daily L'Equipe, by an international jury of former players, journalists and referees: Bjorn Borg (388 points), Rod Laver (358) and





Number of medications that ailing and allergic Steffi Graf took during the 1990 French Open: 7 plus special Japanese lose drops for a sinus condition.

Number of times that 1972 French Open men's doubles

together during their 15-year partnership—excluding Davis Cup team meals when they had to: 0.

\* People who helped 1983 French Open champion Yannick Noah overcome health problems in 1989: A faith healer (for second-degree leg burns) and a witch doctor (for knee pain).





- \* Message on T-shirt, adorned with Cyrillic letters, that Soviet Natalia Zverevá, the 1988 French Open rufficiup, wears: "Freedom."
- \* Number of times that Chris Evert, a seven-time champion and 13-time entrant at the French Open, has been to the Louvre: 0.
- \*Superstar who sent Ivan Lendl a congratulatory telegram after he won his first Grand Slam event, the 1984 French Open: Jack Nicklaus.
- \* Score that seven-time French Open champion Chris Evert said that 13-year-old whiz kid Jennifer Capriati would have beaten her, at age 13: 6-0, 6-0. \* What the Paris newspaper Le Figaro called Chris Evert and
- Figaro called Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova during the 1988 French Open: "Queens in distress."
- \* Women who asked Emilio Sanchez to play with them in mixed doubles at the 1988 French Open: Martina Navratilova and Pam Shriver.
- \* What 1986 French Open mixed doubles champion Ken Flach says he majored in at Southern Illinois University: "Tennis and pizza."
- \*Per cent of questions that 1989 French Open doubles champion Patrick McEnroe gets during press interviews that he says are about his famous brother John: 80.
- \* How the scoreboard of court No. 1 at the 1988 French Open spelled McEnroe: "Macenroe."
- \*The "most unsympathetic player" ("Prix Citrion") in voting by the media at the 1989 French Open: Andre Agassi.
- \* Reason why L'Equipe, the French sports daily, claimed it was impossible that Mary Joe Fernandez was truly 14 when she gained the quarterfinals of the 1986 French Open: Because her (size 8) feet were too large.
- \*How 1977 French Open champion Guillermo Vilas spent the year before he wooed Princess Caroline of Monaco: Celibate.

\*How Ion Tiriac, Boris
Becker's manager, analyses
playing on the ultra-slow clay
at the French Open: "You have
to win the point three times."

\* Number of points that Natalia Zvereva won in her 6-0, 6-0 loss to Steffi Graf in the 1988 French Open final: 13.

\* How Martina Navratilova lost the last point in the singles finals at the 1987 French and Australian Opens: By doublefaulting.

\*Three-time French Open champion Ivan Lendl's two non-tennis sports dreams: Cycling in the Tour de France and playing goalie in a pro ice hockey exhibition "for a few minutes."

\* Only world-class player of the dozen asked by NBC-TV commentator Bud Collins at the



1989 French Open who knew that Roland Garros Stadium was named after a World War I flying ace who was shot down: Martina Navratilova.

\* First serve percentage of champion Mats Wilander in the 1988 French Open final: 97.

\* Number of volleys that winner Wilander hit in the 1988 French Open final against Henri Leconte: 0.

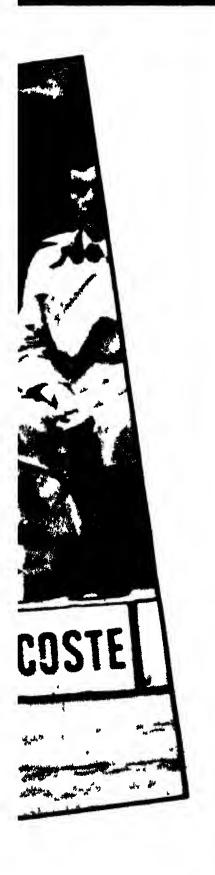
\* Total prize money that the French Open distributed to players in 1978: 2 million francs.

\* Total prize money in 1988: 22 million francs.

\* Number of Grand Prix tournament titles that Mats Wilander had won before he captured the 1982 French Open: 0.



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\* Cost of an official tournament seat cushion at the 1989 Wimbledon: 50 pence (about \$.75 U.S.).

0./3 U.3.).

\* Cost of an official tournament seat cushion at the 1989 French Open: \$8.30.

## ISTORICAL TRIVIA

\* Reason the late, great Australian Davis Cup captain Harry Hopman, a legendary disciplinarian, once fined Rex Hartwig in a match at the French Championships: For smacking his buttocks.

\* Only reason that 38-year-old Frenchman Marcel Bernard, the French Championships winner in 1946, entered the men's singles event: Because he was stood up by his mixed doubles partner

\* What Don Budge and famous Spanish cellist Pablo Casals did nearly every day during the 1938 French Championships Had tea together.

\* What Casals did in Budge's honor after he won the tournament, the second leg of his Grand Slam He gave a two-hour concert for Budge.

\* Number of balls that the legendary Suzanne Lenglen always held when serving. 3.

\* What eccentric Art Larsen, the 1954 French finalist, used to do when he changed sides during a match: He tapped his opponent.

\* What 89-year-old Jean Borotra, the 1924 and 1926 French champion, said during a 1964 international club match, was the only thing that worried him. "The feeling that I may die without having played enough tennis."

\* How 1966 French Open champion Tony Roche, Ivan Lendl's coach, compares today's men's circuit in the caliber of play to his era's: French Open: 50 to 1.

\* Only athlete ever to have a street named after her in Paris: Lenglen.

\*Message on T-shirt worn by six-time French Open champion Bjorn Borg: "Never love a tennis player: to him love means nothing."

\* Only player ever to beat six-time champion Bjorn Borg at the French Open: Adriano Panatta (1973 and 1976).

\* Favorite sport of Roland Garros, the World War I flying hero after whom the French named the site for its celebrated national championship: Rugby



\* Person that Jimmy Connors believes has had as much influence on the sport of tennis as anyone in history Lacoste, inventor of the metal racket \* How King Charles IV of France recovered from one of his recurring fits of msanity as he was about to set off to war in 1399: By watching tennis matches from a balcony enclosed in heavy iron bars. \* English traslation of 1971 French Open champion Evonne Cawley's Aboriginal maiden name, Goolagong: "High trees beside cool water" \* What the late Ted Tinling, a famous dress designer and tennis historian, thought was happening the first time he heard 1990 French champion Monica Seles' loud, primordial grunt: Somebody was being raped.

# It only more things in life were Spectrawide.



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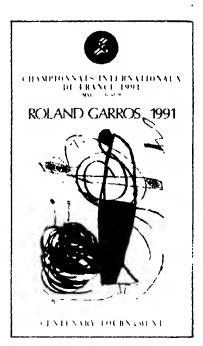


STATISTICS

## 20 YEARS

#### OF THE FRENCH OPEN

#### **MEN'S SINGLES**



#### **WOMEN'S SINGLES**

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
1970	Marg. Smith-Court (AUS)	Helga Neissen (FRG)	6/2 6/4
1971	Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	Helen Gourlay (AUS)	6/3 7/5
1972	Billy-Jean King (USA)	Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	6/3 6/3
1973	Marg. Smith-Court (AUS)	Chris Evert (USA)	6/7 7/6 6/4
1974	Chris Evert (USA)	Olga Morozova (USSR)	6/1 6/2
1975	Chris Evert (USA)	Martina Navratilova (CŹE)	2/6 6/2 6/1
1976	Sue Barker (GB)	Renata Tomanova (CZE)	6/2 0/6 6/2
1977	Mima Jausovec (YUG)	Florenta Mihai (RUM)	6/2 6/7 6/1
1978	Virginia Ruzici (RUM)	Mıma Jausovec (YUG)	6/2 6/2
1979	Chris Evert-Lloyd (USA)	Wendy Turnbull (AUS)	6/2 6/0
1980	Chris Evert-Lloyd (USA)	Virginia Ruzici (RUM)	6/0 6/3
1981	Hana Mandlikova (CZE)	Sylvia Hanika (FRG)	6/2 6/4
1982	Martina Navratilova (USA)	Andrea Jaeger (USÁ)	7/6 6/1
1983	Chris Evert-Lloyd (USA)	Mima Jausovec (YUG)	6/1 6/2
1984	Martina Navratilova (USA)	Chris Evert-Lloyd (USA)	6/3 6/1
1985	Chris Evert-Lloyd (USA)	Martina Navratilova (USA)	6/3 6/7 7/5
1986	Chris Evert-Lloyd (USA)	Martina Navratilova (USA)	2/6 6/3 6/3
1987		Martina Navratilova (USA)	6/4 4/6 8/6
1988	•	Natalia Zuereva (USSR)	6/0 6/0
1989		Steffi Graf (FRG)	7/6 3/6 7/5
1990	Monica Seles (YUG)	Steffi Graf (FRG)	7/6 6/4

#### **MEN'S DOUBLES**

#### **WOMEN'S DOUBLES**

YEAR	WINNER	YEAR	WINNER
1970	Ilie Nastase-Ion Tiriac	1970	Gail Sheriff Chanfrau-Franc. Durr
1971	Arthur Ashe-Marty Riessen	1971	Gail Sheriff Chanfrau-Franc. Durr
1972	Robert Hewitt-Frew Mc Millan	1972	Billie Jean King-Betty Stove
1973	John Newcombe-Tom Okker	1973	Margaret Court-Virginia Wade
1974	Richard Crealy-Onny Parun	1974	Chris Evert-Olga Morozova
1975	Brian Gottfried-Paul Ramirez	1975	Chris Evert-Martina Navratılova
1976	Freddie Mc Nair-Sherwood Steward	1976	Fiorella Bonicelli-Gail Sheriff Lovera
1977	Brian Gottfried-Raul Ramirez	1977	Regina Marsikova-Pam Teeguarden
1978	Gene Mayer-Hank Pfizter	1978	Mima Jausovec-Virginia Ruzici
1979	Sundy Mayer-Gene Mayer	1979	Betty Stove-Wendy Turnbull
1980	Victor Amaya-Hank Pfiter	1980	Kathy Jordan-Ann Smith
1981	Heinz Gunthardt-Balasz Taroczy	1981	Rosalyn Fairbank-Tanya Harford
1982	Sherwood Stewart-Ferdie Taygan	1982	Martina Navratilova-Ann Smith
1983	Anders Jarryd-Hans Simonsson	1983	Rosalyn Fairbank-Candy Reynolds
1984	Yannick Noah-Henri Leconte	1984	Martina Navratilova-Pam Shriver
1985	Mark Edmonson-Kim Warwick	1985	Martina Navratilova-Pam Shriver
1986	John Fitzgerald-Tomas Smid	1986	Martina Navratilova-Pam Shriver
1987	Anders Jarryd-Robert Seguso	1987	Martina Navratilova-Pam Shriver
1988	Andres Gomez-Emilio Sanchez	1988	Martina Navratilova- Pam Shriver
1989	Jim Grabb-Patrick McEnroe	1989	Larisa Savchenko-Natalia Zvereva
1990	Sergio Casal-Emilio Sanchez	1990	Jana Navotna-Helena Sukova

#### MIXED DOUBLES:

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TEAN	AAIMMEN
1970	Billie Jean King-Robert Hewitt
1971	Francoise Durr-J Claude Barclay
1972	Evonne Goolagong-Kim Warwick
1973	Francoise Durr-J. Claude Barclay
1974	Martina Navratilova-Ivan Molina
1975	Fiorella Bonicelli-Tomas Koch
1976	Ilona Kloss-Kim Warwick
1977	Mary Carille-John Mc Enroe
1978	Renata Tomanova-Pavel Slozil
1979	Wendy Turnbull-Robert Hewitt
1980	Ann Smith-William Martin
1981	Andream Jaeger-Jimmy Arias
1982	Wendy Turnbull-John Lloyd
1983	Babara Jordan-Eliot Telscher
1984	Ann Smith-Dick Stockton
1985	Martina Navratilova-Heinz Gunthardt
1986	Kathy Jordan-Ken Flach
1987	Pam Shriver-Emilio Sanchez
1988	Lori Mc Neil-Jorge Lozano
1989	Manon Bollegraf-Tom Nijssen
1 <b>99</b> 0	Arantxa Sanchez-Jorge Lozano

#### JUNIOR BOYS' SINGLES

#### **GIRLS' SINGLES**

YEAR WINNER			YEAR WINNER		
1970	Juan Herrera (SPA)	1970	V. Burton (GB)		
1971	Corrado Barrazuti (ITA)	1971	Elna Granatourova (USSR)		
1972	Christopher Mottram (GB)	1972	Renata Tomanova (CZE)		
1973	Victor Pecci (PAR)	1973	Mima Jausovec (TUG)		
1974	Christophe Casa (FRA)	1974	Mariana Simionescu (RUM)		
1975	Christophe-Roger Vasselin (FRA)	1975	Regina Marsikova (CZE)		
1976	Heinz Gunthardt (SWI)	1976	Michele Tyler (GB)		
1977	John Mc Enroe (USA)	1977	Ann Smith (USA)		
1978	Ivan Lendl (CZE)	1978	Hana Mandilikova (CZE)		
1979	Ramesh Krishnan (IND)	1979	Lena Sandin (SWE)		
1980	Henri Leconte (FRA)	1980	Kathy Horvath (USA)		
1981	Mats Wilander (SWE)	1981	Bonnie Gadusek (USA)		
1982	Tarik Benhabiles (FRA)	1982	Manuela Maleeva (BUL)		
1983	Stefan Edberg (SWE)	1983	Pascale Paradis (FRA)		
1984	Kent CArlsson (SWE)	1984	Gabriela Sabatini (ARG)		
1985	Jaime Yzaga (PER)	1985	Laura Garrone (ITA)		
1986	Guillermo Perez Roldan (ARG)	1986	Patricia Tarabini (ARG)		
1987	Guillermo Perez Roldan (ARG)	1987	Natalia Zvereva (USSR)		
1988	Nicolas Pereira (VEN)	1988	Nulie Halard (FRA)		
1989	Fabrice Santoro (FRA)	1989	Jennifer Capriati (USA)		
1990	Andrea Gaudenzi (ITA)	1990	Magdalena Maleeva (BUL)		

#### TITLE RECORDS: 1925-1990

#### **MOST TITLES ALL EVENTS INCLUDED**

#### (SINGLES AND DOUBLES)

#### Men

9 Henri Cochet (1926-1932): 4 singles 3 doubles 2 mixed

#### Ladies

- 13. Margaret Smith-Court (1962-1973) 5 singles 4 double 4 mixed
- 8. Jean Borotra (1925-1934). 1 single 5 doubles 2 mixed
- 11 Martina Navratilova (1974 - 1988)2 singles 7 double 2 mixed
- 8. Roy Emerson (1960-67). 2 singles 6 doubles
- 10 Doris Hart (1948-1953). 2 singles 3 double 3 mixed

#### **MOST SINGLES TITLES**

#### Men

#### Ladies

- 6. Bjorn Borg (1974-75-78-79-80-81) 4 Henri Cochet (1926-28-30-32)
  - 7 Chris Evert (1974-75-79-80-83-85-86) 5 Margaret Smith-Court
- 3 Reb Lacoste (1925-27- (1962-64-69-70-73)
- 4 Helen Wills Moody 3. Mats Wilander (1982-85- (1928-29-30-32) 88) 3 Hilde Sperling (1935-

- 3. Ivan Lendl (1984-86-87)
- 36-37)

#### **MOST CONSECUTIVE SINGLES TITLES**

#### Men

#### Ladies

- 4 Bjorn Borg (1978-81)
- 3. Helen Wills-Moody-(1928-30)
- 3. Hilde Sperling (1935-37)

#### **WINNERS OF SINGLES, DOUBLES AND MIXED DOUBLES THIS SAME YEAR:**

#### Men

• MCN
No male player ever won • Ladies
the three titles the sameSuzanne Lenglen
(FRA)—twice:

1925 and 1926 Simone Mathieu (FRA)—Once. 1938

Doris Hart (USA)-Once:

1952 Maureen Connolly

(USA)—Once: 1954

Margaret Smith-Court

(AUŠ)--Once: 1964

#### **WINNERS OF JUNIOR AND SENIOR TITLES**

#### (singles):

#### Men

#### Ladies

Ken Rosewall (AUS) Junior Francoise Durr (FRA) 1952 Senior 1953 and Junior 1960 Senior 1967 Roy Emerson (AUS) Junior Mima Jausovec (YUG) 1954 Senior 1963 and Junior 1973 Senior 1967 Andres Gimeno (SPA) Hana Mandilikova Junior 1955 Senior 1972 (CZE) Jun 1978 Senior Mats Wilander (SWE) 1981 Junior 1981 Senior 1982,

1985 and 1988 Ivan Lendl (CZE) Junior 1978 Senior 1984, 1986

#### LONGEVITY RECORDS (champions with the greatest number of years between first and last titles)

- Men's singles: Ken Rosewall: 15 years (first title in 1953, last in 1968)
- Ladies' singles: Chris Evert. 12 years (first title in 1974, last in 1986)
- Men's doubles: Ken Rosewall. 15 years (first title in 1953, last in 1968).
- Ladies' doubles : Martina Navratilova: 13 years: first title in 1975, last in 1988.
- Mixed doubles: Martina Navratilova: 11 years (first title in 1974, last in 1985).
- All events included (singles, doubles and mixed)
- Men: Ken Rosewall: 15 years (1953-1968)
- Ladies: Martina Navratilova: 14 years (1974-1988).



#### **MOST DOUBLES TITLE-MEN AND LADIES**

#### (by team)

#### Men

3. Jacques Brugnon-Henri Ladies Cochet (1927-30-32)

4. Shirley Fry-Doris Hart (1950-51-52-53)

Martina Navratilova-Pam Shriver (1984-85-87-88)

#### **MOST CONSECUTIVE DOUBLES TITLES MEN AND LADIES**

#### (by teams)

#### Men

2. Ken Mc Gregor-Franck Ladies

4. Shirley Fry-Doris Hart Sedgman (1951-52)

2. Vic Seixas-Tony Trabert (1950-53) (1954-55) 3. Simone Mathieu-Adeline M Yorke (1936-38)

#### **MOST DOUBLES TITLES-MEN AND LADIES**

#### (by player) • Men

6. Roy Emerson (1960-61- Ladies 62-63-64-65)

5. Jean Borotrá (1925-28-29-34-36)

7. Martina Navratilova (1975-82-84-85-86-87-88) 5 Jacques Brugnon (1927-6. Simone Mathieu

28-30-32-34)

(1933-34-36-37-38-39)

5. Doris Hart (1948-50-51-52-53)

5. Francoise Durr (1967-68-69-70-71)

#### **MOST CONSECUTIVE DOUBLES TITLES MEN AND LADIES**

#### (by player) • Men

6. Roy Emerson (1960-65)

5. Francoise Duri (1967-71) 5. Martina Navratiiova

(1984-88)

Ladies

#### MOST MIXED DOUBLES TITLES

#### (by team)

3 Margaret Smith-Ken Fletcher (1963-64-65) 3. Francoise Durr-Jean-Claude Barclay

(1968-71-73)

#### MOST MIXED DOUBLES TITLES (by piayer)

#### • Men

3. Ken Fletcher (1963-64- Ladies

4. Margaret Smith-Court

3. Jean-Claude Barclay (1963-64-65-69) (1968-71-73)

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Saddlebrook. . north of Tampa, Florida is

the sight of which famous tennis institution?

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"The only 4. certainties about 1991 is that there are no certainties". Who said this?

5. Australian The Open is played not on grass but a synthetic surface. What is it known as?

Who are the O. first players in history to cross \$ 10 million in prize money earnings?

In French 7. tennis terms, "Break Point" is "Balle de breche" then what is "Tie Breaker"?

Who is the 8. author of "Being Myself"?

#### ANSWERS

- 1. Harry Hopman Tennis School.
- 2. Thomas Muster.
- 3. Former Wimbledon Champion-Kitty Godfree
- 4. Pam Shriver.
- Rebound Ace at Flinders Park.
- 6. Martina Navratilova and Ivan Lendi.
- Jeu decision.
- 8. Martina Navratilova.
- 9. Jimmy Connors, 1974.
- Horseshoes.
- 11. Asif Ismail.

- 12. Fred Perry of Britain.
  13. Brazilian player Carlos Kirmayr
  14. The International Tennis Federation (ITF).
- Stefan Edberg.
- 16. Ballgirls.

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9 last man to win the U.S. Open on grass?

Recently 10. when Andre Agassi, John McEnroe and Tim Mayotte visited the American President. what game did they play?

Whois .currently the National Hard Court tennis champion?

12. A delicately cast bronze statue was put on a pedestal in the elegant grounds of the All England Club. Whose statue is it? Who

13. Who replaced Angel Giminez as Sabatini's coach?

The ATP 14 runs the pro-circuit but who runs the Davis Cup team competition?

"It's good 15. to get a feel of No.1 but it's kind of slippery here." Who said it?

1977 was 16.the Centenary year of Wimbledon. What was introduced in that year to keep feminists happy?

# HAMPION

N the world of sport, an obsession can be a dangerous thing. An athlete exists on the edge, where the veneer separating greatness from obscurity is paper thin, the slightest lapse in concentration spells disaster There he must not only survive, but exeel Obsessions, in the clinical sense, simply are not part of that picture They cripple perspective and erode one's sense of reality. Playing like a man possessed is one thing. carrying an obsession into battle is quite another.

Over the last century thousands of nameless. faceless players have come up short on their careers for one reason: the dominant force in their terms was something other than tenns There have. however, been a handful of individuals who not only overcame their obsessions, but actually used them to their advantage when they stepped onto the court They are part of what makes the game so fascinating and complex

#### *RENE LACOSTE*

LTHOUGH some have won in spite of their obsessions, others could not have won without them One such player was the most famous of France's "Four Musketeers," Rene Lacoste Of those players who managed to mould their obsessions into championship careers, most were talented enough to have won anyway- they had the tools to begin with. But that explanation fails to account for the success of Rene Lacoste, who led French tennis out of the Dark Ages during the 1920's. Lacoste, the son of a powerful industrialist, was not unlike other French boys of wealth and privilege in that he dreamed of becoming a tennis star. But he was an unlikely candidate. In terms of physique, Lacoste was thin and wiry, frail by today's standards, and as a teenager he was often in ill health. He had, in the parlance of the era, a delicate constitution.

Nevertheless, his father decided to indulge the

boy's fantasy, and sent him to be educated in England, where he would be exposed to the highest calibre of both academics and tennis. Immediately upon arrival. Lacoste chose to apply his tremendous powers of concentration to the latter. A highly skilled observer, he began noticing things on the court which, until that time, had never really been described or understood. He marvelled at the consistency with which the speed spin and trajectory of certain shoots could be calculated for certain players in certain situations, and how introducing specific variables could after shots with equal predictability. String tension, court conditions, player tendencies - everything it seemed, could be mapped out and explained. By the time he returned to France at the age of 17. Lacoste was hopelessly obsessed with the game. And ready

Against top-flight competition, Lacoste found that his physical limitations were more of an obstacle than he had originally thought. This strokes were adequate, as was his net play, but his strategy of outlasting harder-litting opponents did not hold up past the early rounds. He realized that the primary skills he brought to the court were purely intellectual, and that only by further enhancing his understanding of tennis would be able to acquire a champion's gilt. Quietly accepting that he would never blow anyone off the court, Lacoste delved even

deeper into the inner game

He filled notebook after notebook with observations about his opponents, trying to divine the secrets that would swing the odds in his favour. He approached the muances of tennis like an engineer, dividing the court into a series of complex grids, dutifully recording his theories and applying technical explanations to every facet of the game. He was easy to spot in those early days. Sitting up in the stands under several layers of sweaters and scarves, Lacoste would fix his gaze upon one player during a point while all the other spectators followed the ball back and forth. Some considered him pensive. Others just thought he was strange.

## "Lacoste filled notebooks with observations about opponents, trying to divide the secrets that would swing the odds in his favour."

What he was, was obsessed. And eventually, his obsession paid off. By the age of 19, Lacoste was a walking encyclopedia of tennis. The expressionless visage that had once signalled an easy win for his enemies was beginning to make them a little uncomfortable. The "Crocodile," as he liked to be called, was starting to gobble up the game.

Atthough Lacoste's obsession had elevated him to the top, it could not keep him there. In 1928 his health began to falter. He beat Henri Cochet to win Wimbledon, and make a solid showing in his country's Davis Cup defense, but the signs of decline were there. He was in the first stages of the tubercular condition that would dog him for the rest of his life. In the spring of 1929, he earned his final great victory in front of his compatriots at Stade. Roland Garros—a facility built partly because of his brilliant performances in international play. Then,

Lacoste was thin and wiry, and often in ill health, but with his well planned moves he defied odds to beat some of the best players in that era



at 25, he called it a career.

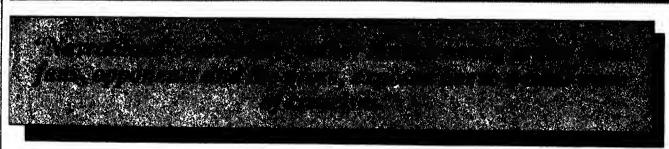
After his playing days were over. Lacoste remained completely engrossed in the game. He made millions in the automotive and aerospace industries, and used that base to launch the clothing company that still bears his name. He also spent a great deal of time tinkering with tennis equipment. As a player, he had been fascinated by the myriad possibilities of the racquet, and was the first player to carry a wide selection to every match. In 1966, after decades of fine-tuning, Lacoste made his last great contribution to the game—the metal racquet.

Only within a modern framework can Lacoste's obsession truly be appreciated. Imagine a frail and sickly 150-pound player systematically breaking down the games of Lendl, Becker and Agassi, and then going out and beating them all. Then imagine that same person inventing a piece of equipment that would revolutionise the sport. Lacoste's obsession with the technical side of tennis stands as one of the most remarkable stories the tennis world has ever known.

#### MARTINA NAVRATILOVA

ARTINA NAVRATILOVA's obsession with her physical transformation, though arguably less remarkable, is an important example of just how compelling an obsession can be. Unlike other players who have undergone dramatic changes. Navratilova's fixation began when she was already the top player in the game. The contours of her body and game have been so solid for so long now that it is difficult to recall exactly who she used to be. It is also something of a mystery as to why she actually embarked upon her metamorphic regime, for during the early stages of her career she was not known as a terribly disciplined player.

Perhaps the key to unlocking Navratilova's sudden urge to become a "superathlete" lies in her past. Her earliest tennis memory is of her stepfather introducing her to the game when she was six, and - most importantly- of the burning desire she felt almost immediately to become a great player. It is quite clear that the raw material was there from the start, she was faster, more powerful and more confident than other girls of her age, and she showed great promise as a serve-and-volley player. Under the tutelage of coach and mentor George Parma, she honed her strokes to a technically superior edge before she reached her 12th birthday.



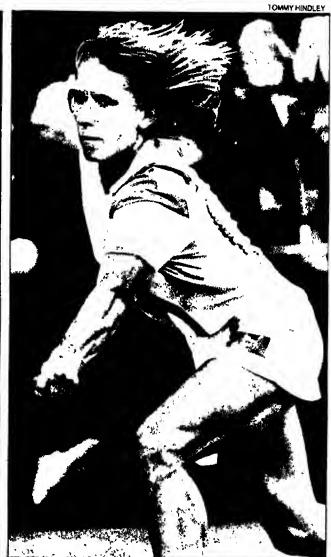
As a budding star in Czechoslovakia, the most progressive, free-thinking country in Eastern Europe, Navratilova must have felt she could accomplish anything. The year was 1968.

That summer, Russian tanks rolled into Prague and Navratilova's life changed forever. Her country lost its soul—the creativity and initiative that had distinguished it from other nations in the Soviet bloc was gone. Gone too was Parma, who defected while on vacation in Austria. On the verge of losing something she had sacrificed so much to achieve. Navratilova recognised a radical change would have to be made. As she put it some years later: "For someone with a skill, a career, an aspiration, there was only one thing to do—get out." It would mean closing the door on friends, family and country, it would also mean starting from scratch in unfamiliar and frightening territory.

T took five years of work and dedication for Navratilova to become good enough to join the women's tour. When she finally did "get out" in 1973, she became an instant favourite among the players. She had a great sense of humour, an admirable command of English and a genuine lust for life. She also developed a taste for the excesses of capitalism, as witnessed by the 25 pounds she gained in her first few months as a pro. At 25, with her career at a low ebb during what should have been her prime. Navratilova hit rock bottom on Amelia Island. There Evert ran her off the court in a matter of minutes, 6-0, 6-0. In essence, it was the second time that Navratilova's future in tennis was in danger, but this time it was purely her own doing.

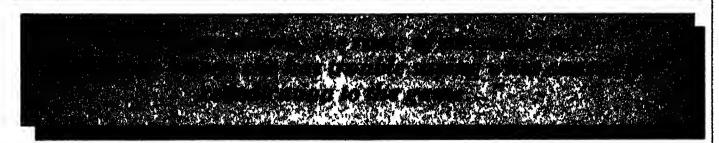
In the stands that day was Nancy Lieberman, a legendary college basketball star. Appalled at Navratilova's performance, Lieberman introduced herself after the match and told Navratilova quite candidly that she was squandering a potential Hall of Fame career. Lieberman offered to help her get back on track. Perhaps for the first time, Navratilova began to see the sand running through the hourglass. She suddenly and inexplicably accepted. Thus began the most remarkable physical makeover in the annals of the game.

If the new Navratilova was indeed at war with her former self, she undoubtedly found the old one a formidable enemy. Known to loathe anything more than perfunctory practice, she trained like a woman possessed. Six, seven, eight hours a day of gruelling



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exercises She worked with weights, ran sprints and logged mile after mile of torturous roadwork. Nutritionist Robert Haas was added to the team, and he immediately put Navratilova on a low-fat high-carbohydrate diet. He was also enlisted as an advance scout, charting the strengths and weaknesses of the other players and then running them through a computer already programmed with Navratilova's own tendencies. The final piece of the puzzle was Renee Richards, who was hired to sharpen Navratilova's left-handed game. Richards was the first coach she had had in nearly a decade.

But it was the obsession with her body that defined who and what Navratilova would eventually become To compare photographs of her from the 1970's and the 1980's is like looking at two different people Navratilova accelerated the process by completely immersing herself in the programme. Her entire focus changed. She started to pass up certain tournaments in favour of working out a decision that had a lot of people who remembered the old Martina shaking their heads. No longer was the next match the most important thing in her career. If anything, it presented her with a laboratory environment in which she could evaluate her progress on the way to becoming the total tennis package she aspired to be

Although Navratilova was largely unchalleged on the women's tour during the 1980's, she did face a whole new set of personal challenges. Her new body rather than drawing praise and admiration from opponents, fans and the press, exposed her to an unexpected wave of criticism "She's too good ' 'The women's gaine is a bore" "She looks like a guy ' The old Navratilova would have undoubtedly crumbled, but not the new one She intensified her workouts. building even more muscle and further sharpening her competitive advantage She was comfortable with her own idea of what a player should be, and confident enough not to let the personal attacks detract from her concentration So committed was she to the programme that her game did not suffer a bit Her obsession with becoming the perfect athlete simply would not allow it

#### IVAN LENDL

N the case of Martina Navratilova, the roots of her obsession are ambiguous. Even she has difficulty putting her finger on what caused her dramatic rededication to the game. But there are no mysteries where her fellow Czech Ivan Lendl is

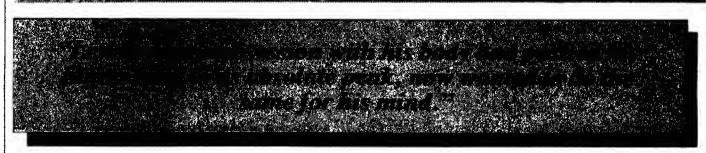
concerned His career has practically become synonymous with the word Much like Lacoste, Lendl made himself into a machine, the difference being that while the Frenchman concentrated on matters technical Lendl focused on the physical and psychological aspects of his game. And like Navratilova he played his way out from behind the Iron Curtain only to find that it took more than a good forehand to find fulfillment on the professional tour.

When Lendl joined the men's circuit in 1978, he brought with him a solid but unspectacular game. He was awkward at times, suffered from lapses of concentration and tended to tire at critical stages of a match. By his own admission he was a bit lazy, and he fell prey to a curious malady that as he describes it affects many Eastern Europeans-lie became depressed and gave up when things went against him.

In 1979 Lendl began working with countryman Wojtek Fibak, whose avowed mission was to transform his new charge into a bionic man. Fibak convinced Lendl to scrap his slice backhand in favour of a topspin sliot tried to add a little touch to his net game and worked to strengthen his serve. Back in Czechoslovakia. Lendl had grown up in a highly disciplined household within a highly disciplined country. Fibak soon found that Lendl was comfortable with a highl level of regimentation-he craved it in fact-and responded fabulously soaking up his mentor's wisdom like a sponge and going on to a No. 3 world ranking within two years.

Lendl remained at No 2 or No 3 from 1981 through 1985, winning 36 events. But with the exception of the Masters in New York, he consistently came up empty in major tournament play, earning a reputation as a choke artist. He was always there-playing well until the semis or the finals-but couldn't quite get over the hump Being the proverbial bridesmaid was not easy, but Lendl refused to fade back into the pack, in large part because of his love of discipline. He practiced incessantly, honing his skills and perfecting his game. He took naps on schedule, phoned his parents at the same time every day and demanded constant updates on his business affairs and social calendar. He desperately wanted to become the No 1 player, yet there was something holding him back Ivan Lendl had not, however, yet crossed the perilious threshold between compulsion and obsession

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T about the same time. Lendl ran into Alexis Castori, a former player who had pursued a career in psychology, and who had done extensive work in the area of mind control. Lendl, whose obsession with his body had pushed his fitness level to its absolute peak, was now interested in doing the same for his mind. Castori accepted the challenge and went to work. Anything Castori suggested, Lendl tried. To keep him focused during long matches, for instance, Castori made him look at basic household objects and then describe each one for five minutes. She also had Lendl observe and describe what he himself was doing—a kind of out-of-body experience designed to help him rise above the anxious moments that had often proved his undoing during tight confrontations. Armed with new mental exercises, Lendl went at them in the same way he did physical ones, setting aside certain times when he could devote his complete attention to them. He and Castori then tried to create little concentration-focusers that would work within his on-court regimen, most noticeably the ritual tightening of his racquet strings and the pocketful of sawdust he fiddles with between points.

That September, Lendl won his first U.S. Open with a straight-set victory over the declining John McEuroe, and finally made it to No.1. There he remained for four of the next five years. Through it all he remained the most highly focused and dangerous player in the game. The press has been talking about his age and desire lately, but to hear the other players tell it, no man on the tour is more feared than Lendl. The feeling is that he will remain so at least until he captures the one tournament that has eluded him. Wimbledon.

#### **BILLIE JEAN KING**

OME obsessions, at first glance at least, have little or nothing to do with achieving greatness on the courts. They are highly personal forces that simply end up affecting an athlete's play. Under normal circumstances, such obsessions prove to be overwhelming distractions, robbing players of concentration, and thus gradually cooling their competitive fires. Indeed, history has chronicled many who have been undone by obsessions that lay outside their respective games. In that light, the accomplishments of Billie Jean King are truly



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remarkable, for the scope of her obsession transcended her own career and embraced the entire women's game.

When Billie Jean Moffitt joined the tour in 1959, women's tennis was little more than a sporting afterthought. Coverage of the ladies was just as apt to turn up on the society page as it was in the sports section. This struck the 16-year-old Californian as a grave injustice, for during that first year, any illusions she might have harboured about living a life of ease as a tennis star were erased by a string of



defeats on eastern grass. Contrary to popular belief, women's tennis was not about sipping mint juleps on the veranda, and it wasn't about swanky cocktail parties. It was tough. Tough like Billie Jean.

BY 1968, King felt the only barometer of equality that remained was money. And rightly so. The top players on the men's side had traditionally left the amateur ranks to join the pro tour, where they were openly compensated for their troubles. Those who stuck it out on the tour received large under-the-table payments. The women had no such options. There was little point, however, in trying to organise a women's pro tour, nor could any players besides herself expect to command much in illegal compensation. But there were changes on the horizon.

In the spring of 1968, Open tenns arrived. But men owned and ran the game, a reality that was reflected in the ratio of tournament prizes earmarked for the women. At first, men received three to five times as much, but by 1970 that figure had more than doubled. The thinking was that anyone on the men's tour could beat the top female player, so they were entitled to the lion's share of the money.

The straw that broke the camel's back was the 1970 Pacific Southwest Championships, where promoter Jack Krainer offered the men's winner \$12,500 and the women's only \$1,500. King was livid. She approached Gladys Heldman, publisher of World Tennis, to discuss the idea of boycotting Kramer's tournament. Heldman went one better and organised a competing event in Houston. King and seven others signed on, risking expulsion from the USLTA. It was a gutsy move, but one that proved a definite turning point in King's cause. Heldman put up \$5,000 in prize money, and induced Joseph Cullman of Phillip Morris to kick in \$2,500 more for the right to sponsor the event, which was a natural for the new Virginia Slims cigarettes, whose sloagn was: "You've Come a Long Way, Baby."

The USLTA was starting to worry, and Stan Malles, head of the scheduling committee, called King with a compromise. If the women played an "amateur" tournament in Houston and divvied up the \$7,500 under the table, they could stay in the good graces of the USLTA. King turned him down. When the tournament went ahead as planned, the press ignored Kramer's event and headed down to the Houston Racquet Club. The following day the

women were front-page news. The players were then formally suspended, which made even bigger news. Phillip Morris, thrilled at the publicity Virginia Slims was receiving as a result of the commotion, offered to sponsor more events—and the women's professional tour was born, thanks to the obsession of King.

Had King been operating from outside the game—as a lawyer, for example—the sweeping changes she initiated would still be considered a monumental accomplishment. That she made things happen while playing top level tennis, however, is truly fantastic—Billie Jean King was a phenomenon of the highest order. But what is often ignored is that her political goals were unquestionably the driving force behind her spectacular play. Could one have existed without the other? Were it not for her most admirable obsession, King might not have enjoyed the career that she did. Certainly women's tennis would still be limping along, forever a sideshow for the men's events.

AD Rene Lacoste not become consumed by the inner game, there would have only been three Musketeers. Had Martina Navratilova never tasted the sweetness of being No. 1, had Ivan Lendl achieved that position early in his career, they would not have embarked on their metamorphic odysseys. And had Billie Jean King found conditions acceptable on the women's tour, it is doubtful that her name would have graced the 39 Grand Slam trophies it did. Only the shared ability to channel the hyperfocus of their obsessions enabled them to accomplish what they did.

What are the lessons to be learned from the success of those players who harnessed obsessions and were able to turn in brilliant careers? Perhaps it is that an obsession is like an earthquake -its effects are totally unforeseeable, and there is nothing one can do about it once it starts. Yet, despite a seeming incompatibility with tennis, obsessions have long played an important role in its hallowed history. For a few of the greats, they are road maps to victory. For the rest, they are intriguing reminders of the unpredictability of the game. •

By Mark Stewart

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Paul Fein analyses the state of uncertainty in women's tennis. the new players to watch for at this year's French Open and fancies Gabriela Sabatini to win the event

Even though Mary Joe Fernandez has been keeping indifferent torr she could still spring a surprise at the French Open

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HE "new world order" in women's tennis means exciting unpredictability, rising stars and riveting matches.

As world No. 5 Mary Joe Fernandez notes, "Before you went into a tournament and it was, 'Who'll play Graf in the finals?' Before that, it was 'Who'll play Martina in the finals?' Now it's open. Anybody can beat anybody on any given day. It's great."

The growing list of marquee players today features new and youngest-ever No. 1 Monica Seles, erstwhile queen but now-struggling Steffi Graf, always formidable Martina Navratilova and gorgeous and in form Gabriela Sabatini. Not far behind are much-improved Jana Novotna, consistent contender Mary Joe Fernandez, tenacious competitor Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and teen sweetheart Jennifer Capriati.

Conventional wisdom makes 17-year – old Seles the favourite to win the French Open. After all, the smiling Yugoslav with the ferocious double-fisted groundstrokes bumped off Graf 7-6, 6-4 in the 1990 French final and also captured the Lipton International, Italian Open. Virginia Slims Championships and Australian Open during the past 12 months.

You can throw out conventional wisdom this time. Gaby will grab her first French title because—let her tell you—"I'm a much better



#### **FRENCH OPEN TENNIS**

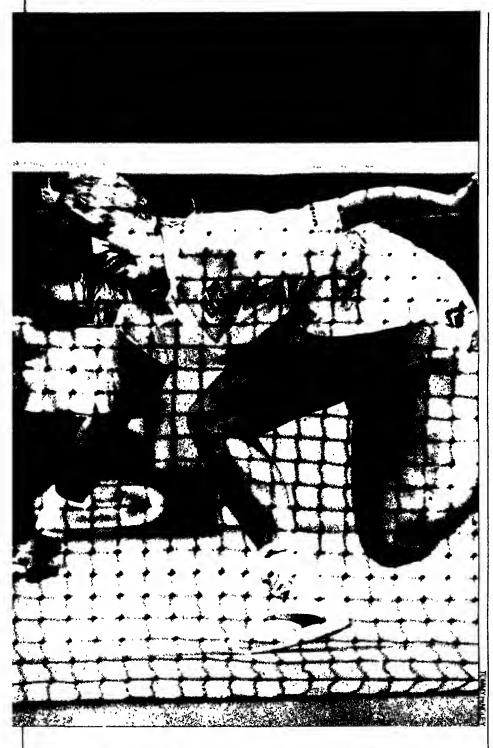
player since I learned how to think. Winning at the (1990) U.S. Open gave me so many things that I learned, and I feel very good with my new coach. Carlos Kirmayr. There are many reasons I feel much better "

Kirmayr skilfully turned Sabatini's stagnating, looping baseline game into a dynamic netrushing, multi-dimensional offensive that unleashed her graceful athleticism. When Gaby crows, "I'm probably the most complete player." she's probably right.

Sabatini was also rejuvenated by sports psychologist Jim Loehr who instilled positive thinking and a newfound passion. No longer introverted and somewhat lethargic, she radiates confidence and reveals, "I'm having more fun than ever."

In head-to-head matches, Sabatini has knocked off Graf, her former nemesis, five straight times after losing the first 11. Although Seles outlasted her in the high-calibre, five-set Virginia Slims final back in November the Argentine got her revenge at the

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Jana Novotna with her vastly improved form will always be close behind the top contenders and will surely pose a threat to them

Italian Open last week. Sabatini's versatile shotmaking will exploit Seles' major weaknesses at Stade Roland Garros. As Seles candidly admits, "My serve is really very bad. I can win a lot more matches if I could serve and volley better. And I don't know how to lob."

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that haunted her in 1990, but her results-twice a quarterfinalist and once a finalist in three 1990 tournaments -form, confidence and vulnerable backhand have markedly declined. Sanchez-Vicario, the surprise 1989 champ, and Australian Open finalist Novotna, who upset Sabatini in Paris last spring, could reach the final. Fernandez continues to be dogged by injuries, while Capriati, barely 15, still lacks big-match experience and clever strategy to get past the semis. Navratilova, 34, is skipping the French again to prepare for a record 10th Wimbledon crown.

Look for 16-year-old American Mary Pierce, 16-year-old Bulgarian Maggie Maleeva, 18-year-old Argentine Christina Tesi and Belgium's 19-year -old Sabine Appelmans to pull big upsets.

DON'T miss the '91
French Open. As
Sabatini says, "It's going to
be an exciting year, this
one."

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When I step onto the court. I test emberraceed as if someone has lifted my skirt and I have to look at the floor or celling and try and forget about it, NATALIA ZVEREVA, about playing in front of large crowds.

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MONICA SELES, on the popularity of women's tennis over the men's that does not offer surprises any more.

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PATRICK McENROE, younger brother of John McEnroe. Does John fit into the mould?



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Can Monica play as

good as she looks?

going to Paris I thought I'd tell you who won't win the French Open"

Egad! "But... "No buts and ifs" he thundered, popping open the bottle, taking a hefty sip, letting go a heftier belch before continuing, "you know the problem with today's players is that they have no 'is i magen'

"Is i magen?" I croaked in incomprehension

"Ice in the stomach, that's what the Swedish journalists said about Bjorn Borg", sneered Uncle Stanley now totally in control

"Hail Mary", I muttered weakly "Yes, he'll need a few of those to get through the first round this year for sure. Anyway let me give you some background first"

Did I have a choice? "This actually is the Open's centenary

the flight to Paris, **Rohit Brijnath** spoke to his all-knowing **Uncle Stanley** about who did. who will and who won't win the French Open

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Oman's lap. Good " tok that" What about this year Lincle Stary Patience, boy patience, he roared, "those were the good days Ah, when Manuel Santana denied Nicola Pietrangelf . . his hattrick of wins and then stood there weeping till Pietrangeli went round the net to console him Of course nearly the same thing happened 24 years later, when Chris Evert Lloyd beat Martina Navratilova 6-3, 6-7, 7-5 Let me read to you what my old friend Frank Deford wrote about that Evert Lloyd's backhand down the line was a knife outting the only aliver on that side of the court that Navratilova had left uncovered. Navratilova paused, let the air out of her lungs and came round the net to hug her conqueror. Now then, imagine them shaking hands formally at the net in Akron in 1973 when one of them was a frilly. 18-year-old princess from Florida and the other a wide-eyed butterball from Prague. Imagine that. Imagine them



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Unole Stanley inhintained a 2 second reportful silence and then charged on The 1080s saw a new breed of champions.

Australians. and what lads they were. I remember Laver in 1962, on the first leg of his Arand Slam being match point down to Martin Mulligan But Rosewall, look what he did Won in 1953 and then came back 15 years later in 1988 to win again Those fellows played tennis, son, all angles and pace and attack and defense They used to say that on the slow, red brick dust you had to win the point three times to actually win it "

"Yes, but Agassı

Then the bloody Europeans spoilt st", continued Uncle Stanley, unpeturbed "Topspin with extreme grips on either side, could keep a rally going for bloody days No wonder the Yanks, all bang and boom had no chance And Borg, I say what a fellow Just because they seeded him No 1 six times didn't mean he had to win it six times But then his whole family was superstitious"

"How do you know"

"It's written in Borg's book, young fool This is what he wrote Firing my French than against Victor Peoci in 1978, my 78 year-old grandfather and father took their fishing boat from Eatillo Island. They listened to my makin with Peoci on the radio. If I won a point my grandfather would spit nervously into the sea. Quite

Form makes Sabatini hot favourite



# COVERSTORY

1) To win Agassi needs heart

2) Chang: Count him in

soon he thought it only win points if he spit. I won in four sets but he came home with a terrible sore throat from spitting to windward"

"Hah", bellowed the old man. "Of course once Borg's reign was over, fellow, Swede, Wilander took over, Boring chap really, but quite a sport. In fact, in 1982.

on matchpoint he gave Jose Links Clerc the point because he thought a call was wrong. Such grace is unfortunately frowned upon in this era, more's the pity. Though in Michael Chang the spirit does live on to some measure. What a masterful match he played against Lendl in 1989. I remember the late Ted Tinling saying, The kid played like a champ. And the champ played like a kid'. How true."

"But they say Chang has no weapons", I interrupted.

"True, true. But at the French tenacity counts, intelligence counts, and moreover what form does anyone else have to show. Chang himself says, 'I never count myself out' and I agree with him"

"You can't count Lendl out too", I asserted.

"Not a chance".
"What?"

"Losing to unknowns like that Enzo Ferrari last week..."

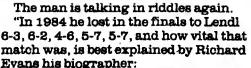
"It was Renzo Furlan, Uncle Stan"
"Same thing. Same thing. He skipped
the clay season last year and at 31 his
powers of adaptability have diminished.
He'll do better at the French, but I think
the days of Lendl the champion, the
consistent champion are fading very
quickly. He's in trouble."

"So is MoEnros"; I soded. "He said recently that, I'm playing so bedly my mother could best me"

"Mac's finished", said Under Stanley quietly, "but he will almost siways he drawn to Faris, simply because the French Open semains as the only argument to his greatness."







If someone had handed McEnroe a gun, he may well have shot himself. Of all the defeats I have seen him suffer I have never seen him so crushed, so numbingly, heartrendingly disappointed



in this. Wimbledon and the US Open were his faction taking. He had wen them justers and he would win them again. But the French: the French: the French: the French: the Prench: the player. Only the likes of Hoad and Laver and Horg had been able to conquer Beland Garres and Wimbledon on grass.

The current world No. 1 and No. 2 may pose some challenge".

"Those jokers", snapped Unole Stanley,
"are as lost on elay as seaguils in a
desert fook kidde, world tennis is now
not one circuit, but two: fast and slow
courts. At the French, Becker and
Edberg are walking on someone

cise's turf.
Take this one
statistic: till last
year their career
records at clay
tournaments were
Becker 0 for 28 and
Edberg 1 for 23.
That's as impressive
as Don Quayle's
popularity rating".

"C'mon Uncle
Stanley, next you'll
say Sampras and
Ivanisevic haven't a
chance either", I
smirked.

"Exactly". Huh

"Have they done anything this year? Nothing. And neither have claycourters Thomas Muster who had knee surgery again and Andres Gomez who's in a terrible slump."

"Who's left then?"
"Goran Prpic,
Andrei Chesnokov,
Jim Courier, Jonas
Svensson as dark
horses. And Agassi
with a big, big
chance".

"Mr Image Is Everything, who has strokes but no heart?".

"That may be, but the kid has been working hard. His game is unparalled, weight training has pushed him to a muscular 175 pounds, and I think, most important, he knows he has to win a Big One this year. And the French is his best chance".

"Thanks Uncle Stanley, you've been a great...

"Nonsense, nonsense laddie I haven't

3) Edberg knows that clay is not his turf



And what tormented his thoughts in the hours and days that followed was the conviction that he was good enough to have joined that company. He had proved it in everything but the final deed. Had Lendl beaten him in straight sets, McEnroe would have said "Too good' and gone away to work on his game. But the pain involved here was much greater than that. This was agony.





finished yet".

Jeez, what now?

Don't grate your teeth son it is a few words to say on the lattles too. They're more exciting than the men. Even Seles says that

For Gomez, once must be enough A few words, like a thousand probably. "Graf. Take it from me, Graf. She's beaten Seles twice already and her fast feet and fierce forehand have found their rhythm again. She no longer looks stressed and a relaxed Steffi is a dangerous Steffi. She's been up and she doesn't like being down. She's on her way back".

God, this man thinks he's God. "All very well Uncle Stanley, but what about Gaby? Like in five successive wins over Steffi. That Gaby".

"On clay, no way. The net game will go astray", rhymed Uncle Stanley, pleased with himself.

The man is a simpleton, Gaby is so hot the courts burn under her.

"But of course they should give the championship to Martina".

"Why's that?", I enquired.

"Because last year she was the only player who knew who Roland Garros was. The rest were too stupid".

"And who was he?", this as Uncle Stanley rose to leave.

"Hah, a golfer who was a submarine captain. You really should catch up on your reading, young man".

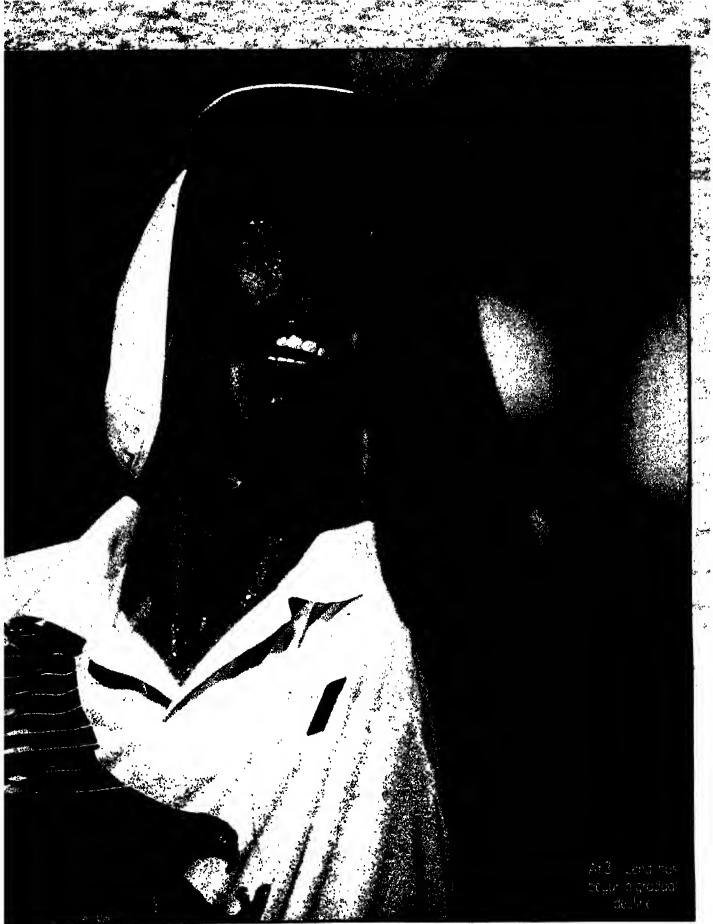
The door closed. Roland Garros was, in fact, a French aviator who was shot down in 1918. And although he played tennis, he preferred rugby.

But somehow it seemed more sensible to let Uncle Stanley have the last world.

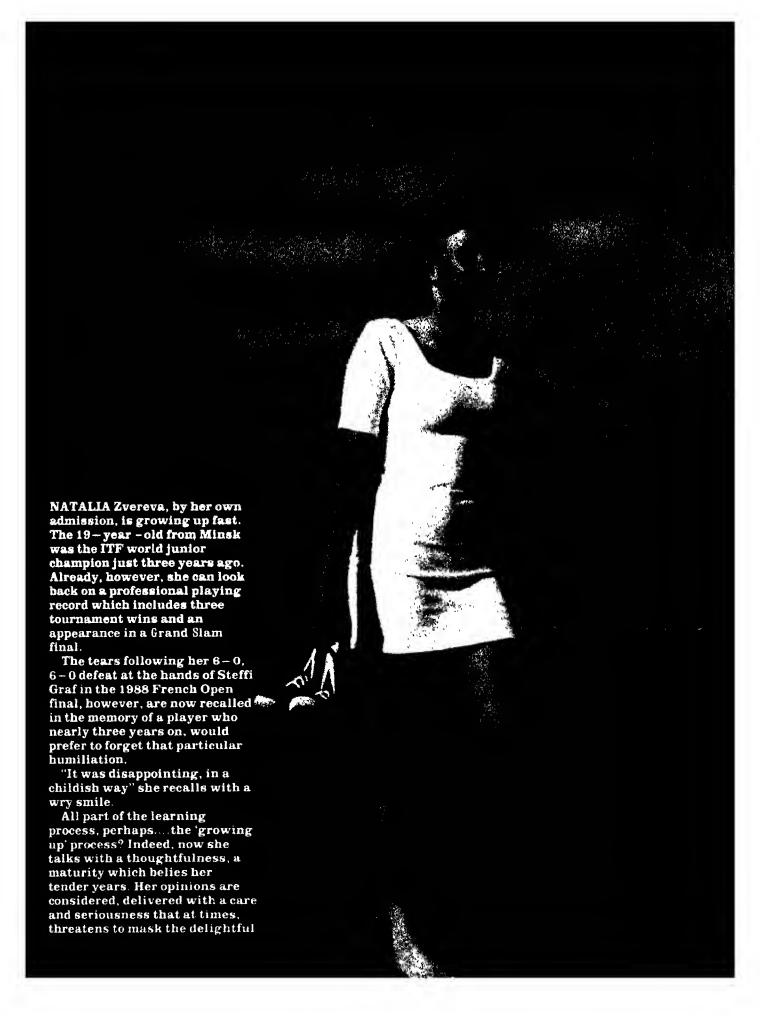
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smile and the infectious laugh that is also so much a part of the young Russian.

Perhaps that is the attraction of Natalia Zvereva....a temperament for all occasions, a smile and a tear for all seasons.

'Natasha' (her petname)
needed little prompting to
exhibit her emotions during our
chat. Mention of the situation in
her country set the tone for a
concerned and passionate (albeit
considered) outpouring of
emotion and feeling.

"Does my mind go home a lot? Of course it does. It really does. It's so disappointing... to see it. When I go back to my home town of Minsk, my father has lots of friends who work in the food industry there, and he needs to call them up because I need to eat...meat, chicken ... and he will go to them before it gets to the shops otherwise I wouldn't be eating!

"When I was little, about eight or nine, my mum used to send me to the shop to buy little things like bread or milk and there was lots of food. The shop was filled with lots of things. Now I go there, there are people walking around looking for food. It's terrible."

It was around the same time that her mother used to send her to the shops for bread, that Natasha first started to play tennis.

"My father was playing a lot and that's how I started. My mother was a volleyball player but when they met at university she became a tennis coach. My dad still coaches me. Nobody else ever coached me except my dad. My mum helped me in the early stages because she had lots of kids my age who I could hit with."

Once Natasha had learnt the basics and played a few matches, it didn't then take long for her father to identify in his daughter a special and rare talent.

"My dad felt I could be a protennis player at 13 or 14", explains Natasha. "The Federation helped a lot. They brought us up into the tennis world. Olga (Morozova) also was doing a lot for Russian women's tennis."

Natalia Zvereva is growing. She's growing as a player and as a person...and it shows. She cites one example of this as in the way she deals with the media. I asked her how she had coped up to now.

"It's most hard for me" she said. "My dad always wants to know what they ask. I'm trying to translate to him and then he asks me 'what do you answer?' I say that I answer like this and he says 'you shouldn't answer like this.' In my mind, I want to think before I answer the question and I want to find the right answer in my mind which is right for me. When I talk to my dad, who is much smarter than me, he says 'why did you answer so?' It's hard."

Hard? Who would have guessed? Assured and confident, Natasha makes a potentially difficult part of her professional life look relatively easy.

# GABRIELA SABATINI

# HE METANO AND THE SECRET BEHIND IT

The Sabatini of the '80s would hardly recognise the Sabatini of the '90s. Now the aueen bee of world tennis is more confident, more aggressive and often triumphant in her encounters with the very best of her contemporaries. The secret: Jim Loehr, the sports psychologist who auided Sabatini out of an emotional shambles back to breathtaking form. Here, JIM LOEHR himself reveals the facts behind her return to glory...

WINNING the 1990 U.S. Open was a personal breakthrough for Gabriela Sabatini. In doing so, she once and for all lifted the heavy burden of unfulfilled expectations, from her broad but tired shoulders. Emancipated after six long years of pressure and pain, Sabatini can now look to the future secure in the knowledge that she is a Grand Slam champion.

The Sabatini story is one of the most engaging and dramatic I have been associated with in my 15 years as a sports psychologist. Watching her five-month journey from her darkest, most harrowing period as a professional tennis player to victory at Flushing Meadows was truly breath-taking. Only those close to Gabriela could appreciate the depth of her joy when she lifted the Open trophy above her head.

The genius of Sabatini had always been there, lying dormant, longing for expression. I, too, was left speechless with joy as the drama of the Open unfolded. Fans who witnessed Gabriela's quarterfinal match with Leila Meshki, the semifinal against Mary Joe Fernandez and the final victory over Steffi Graf, could intuitively sense the significance of the personal battle waging before them.

Sabatini may have been competing against fierce opponents on court, but the truly gripping drama was the one raging deep within Gabriela. It was Sabatini against herself—face to face, everything on the line emotionally, nothing held back. And her most private battle had now gone public. Millions of fans suddenly realised what was happening and came alive with excitement. They sensed victory. But not in defeating Graf or even winning the title. The victory was in the personal transformation.

In short, Sabatini was different!
She was fighting, sparkling,
passionate, confident, fully alive.
She was, in fact, the all-court
player she always wanted to be.
And she was doing it against the
No. 1 player in the world.

For nearly five months

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preceding the Open. Gabriela's personal struggle—her searching, her doubt-had become very much a part of me. As a writer, teacher and psychologist, I always try to step back and look at my world of experience from a distance. Distance gives perspective. Perspective brings insight and understanding. I'm always asking, "What can I learn from this special experience?" or "What can I take away from this that may help me or others in the future?" In a real sense, Sabatini's struggle is a universal struggle.

My sessions with Gabriela began in early April of last year. Arrangements for me to begin working with her were made by Carlos Salum, a longtime friend of the Sabatini family who, like Gabriela, was born and raised in Argentina. From April until the U.S. Open, Carlos and I worked with Gabriela, Carlos playing the critical role of Spanish translator. Although Gabriela is conversant in English, she and nearly all the members of her support team-parents, brother and trainers—chose to communicate in Spanish to express their thoughts and feelings more fully and precisely. Carlos Kirmayr, her coach, is equally comfortable in both English and Spanish.

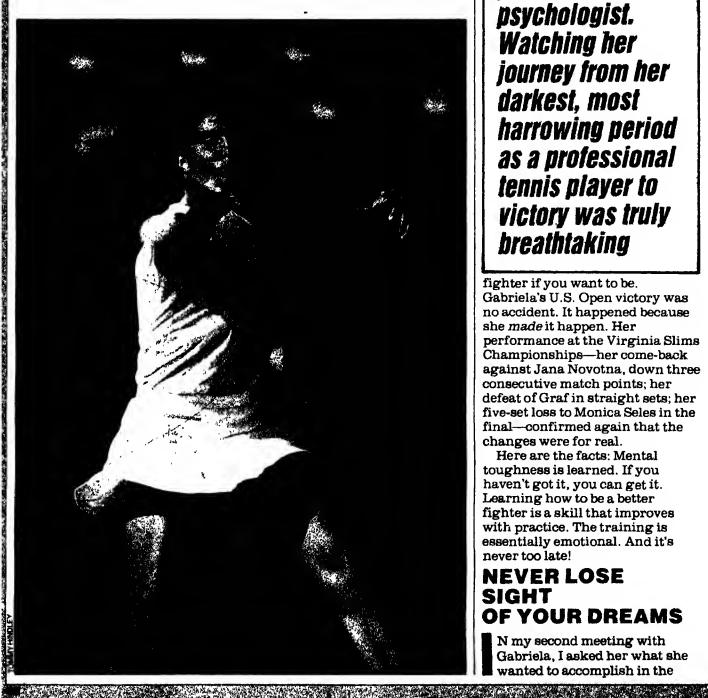
Reflecting back, here are some of the more important insights to be gleaned from the Sabatini story.

## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

FTER six years as a professional—and without a major title to her credit-Gabriela began to doubt whether she would ever break through. Still, she never gave up hope. She kept looking for answers.

Therein lies a vital message. Even the No. 4 player in the world (at the time) needed to learn how to fight, to manage pressure better, to be more positive. Gabriela's breakthrough was first and foremost an emotional one. Once the proper emotional forces were at work, her physical game began to flow naturally.

Unfortunately, many players believe that the kind of fighter they are and their level of mental toughness is a fixed entity. They either have it or they don't. Sabatini's dramatic improvement in this area makes a powerful statement: You can be a better



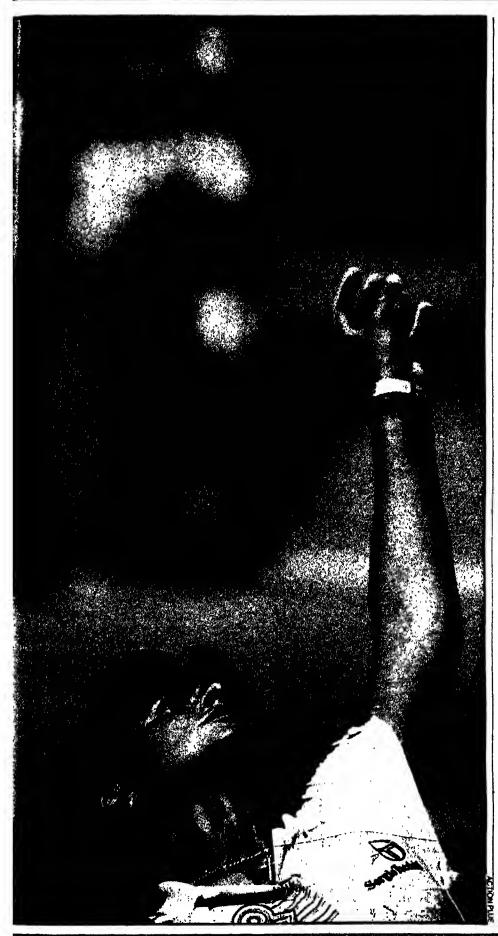
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fighter if you want to be. Gabriela's U.S. Open victory was no accident. It happened because she made it happen. Her performance at the Virginia Slims Championships—her come-back against Jana Novotna, down three consecutive match points; her defeat of Graf in straight sets; her five-set loss to Monica Seles in the final—confirmed again that the changes were for real.

Here are the facts: Mental toughness is learned. If you haven't got it, you can get it. Learning how to be a better fighter is a skill that improves with practice. The training is essentially emotional. And it's never too late!

# NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF YOUR DREAMS

N my second meeting with Gabriela, I asked her what she wanted to accomplish in the



remainder of her career. Her answers were as follows: She wanted to be the No. 1 player in the world, she wanted to win a Grand Slam title, and she wanted to be an all-court, aggressive player. She was quick to point out, however, that those desires, a major part of her life for so many years, were fading. She feared that even at the age of 19 (she turned 20 in May), her window of opportunity had passed.

Gabriela had two basic concerns. First, that she had already reached her peak and her career was heading downhill, and second, that she would be relegated to playing non-aggressive, defensive, fearful tennis for the rest of her life. Standing 15 feet behind the baseline, looping high topspin balls off both sides, was clearly not what she was after.

I asked Gabriela to define her goals and to express the feelings she had about them on paper. I particularly wanted her to describe in great detail the kind of player she wanted to be.

Once the description was complete, I told Gabriela that we were going to put together a music video of her playing the kind of tennis she has always wanted to play. Only the most dramatic taped footage of her playing aggressive, attacking, all-court tennis during actual matches was included. The material was divided into forehands, backhands, volleys, serving and volleying and return of serve. Approximately 45 minutes in length, the videotape was synchronized, to Gabriela's favourite music. She was then given a battery-operated, handsize, color video recorder so she could watch the video anytime, anyplace.

# EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS

N professional sports it's easy to get emotionally lost, particularly when you're continually-performing below expectation. Linking who you are as a person with how you do on the court is treacherously easy.



Every mistake, every bad loss, is public business. And the critics are always there to remind you of your shortcomings. Our superstars are supposed to be strong, totally together, never vulnerable, in control. There's constant pressure to meet impossible expectations and to be someone you're not.

One way people learn to deal with disappointment, anger, pain and pressure is to simply cut themselves off from their feelings. Blocking feelings does provide some relief, but the more we rely on this kind of strategy the more detached we feel. We start by numbing ourselves to ease pain and end up numbing all our emotions. Passion and joy are replaced by alienation and intense loneliness. Numbing ourselves to avoid one kind of pain only opens the door for another. Blocked feelings also block the path toward self-understanding, self-acceptance and self-growth.

For Sabatini, learning to fight meant dismantling those blocks. Gabriela loves to write and I encouraged her to reveal all of her thoughts in a diary. She further expressed her ideas by answering questions I specifically prepared for her during the first three months of our association.

In addition, Gabriela was strongly, encouraged to begin opening up to those around her. She was to use every possible opportunity to get in touch with her feelings. I also wanted her to express herself on the court. If she felt anger, I wanted her to show it. If she felt elation, I wanted her to show that too.

By the time the French Open rolled around, roughly two months later, I could see a major change in Gabriela. She was happier and more relaxed, motivated and optimistic. She was at least 50 per cent closer to her goal. And although her fourth-round loss to Novotna in Paris was disappointing, it did not reflect the important changes that were taking place. Gabriela was unquestionably moving forward.

Sabatini was now ready to emotionally connect with Kirmayr. After spending just one week with him prior to Wimbledon (Kirmayr had taken over for Angel Gimenez, her coach of four years), Gabriela reached the semifinals! Kirmayr's sensitive, open, relaxed style, as well as his exceptional knowledge and understanding of all-court tennis, were exactly what Sabatini needed to continue her inexorable progress.

Sabatini's parents, Osvaldo and Beatriz, and her brother, Osvaldo Jr., made a special effort to reach out to Gabriela during this critical five-month period. As is so often the case within South American culture, Sabatini has deep emotional connections to her family. Her father and mother-and particularly her brother-played a pivotal role in her breakthrough. Unqualified love, understanding, support and acceptance from those most special to her were essential before Gabriela could start taking emotional risks again. She had to know that if she gave everything she had emotionally and her efforts somehow failed, those closest to her would be there on the way down

Watching Gabriela practise in those first few months, observing her disappointment, frustration and dampened spirit, was painful. She was forcing herself to be there and to expend effort. (Athletes often feel that the answer to breaking out of a chronic slump is simply to train harder and push more.) Gabriela was pushing but nothing was moving.

Her body language told the story. She was stuck. Gimenez was equally frustrated. He was doing the things in practice he had always done, things that had worked so well for Gabriela in the past. But she wasn't responding.

I shared my thoughts about restructuring Gabriela's practice routines with Angel and he agreed that changes were necessary. Gabriela was given more input into the planning of her on-court training. A wide variety of new, more challenging drills were instituted focusing on spontaneous, explosive, dynamic play. Gabriela was asked to consciously invest more positive



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energy and fun into her practices Shorter, less frequent sessions raised her energy levels and increased her enjoyment Gabriela's sense of fun was the barometer we used to judge the effectiveness of the overall training program.

Sabatini steadily improved, but it wasn't until Kirmayr took the helm that real progress began. His playful spirit and great love for the game were contagious. Gabriela's feelings of doubt and anguish were gradually replaced by hope, belief, confidence and fight. She was preparing to break free. It was only a matter of time.

# MANAGEMENT TRANSES FOR SOCCER COACHING

### By BRIAN GLANVILLE

N the Football
Association's
controversial new
blueprint for
football there
appears to be the
innovation that in
future, all club
managers should first
pass certain courses as,
for example, in
Germany and Italy.

Germany used to provide the ideal example—or so it seemed. To be a Bundesliga manager, that is to say in the top division, you not only had to pass certain tests; you absolutely had to manage a club lower down the league.

But a few years ago, the Germans suddenly made total nonsense of their own high principles. Their national team was doing poorly, they needed new impetus.

And to whom did they turn but their former World Cup winning captain, Franz Beckenbauer, who had never coached or managed any team in his life. Beckenbauer, at the second time of asking, won Germany the World Cup—after reaching the 1986 World Cup final at his first attempt.

After Franz, Michel Platini. Once again, a great player, the very symbol of his country's football, who was pitchforked into international football with no such experience at all.

He had to begin with a difficult World Cup qualifying match in Yugoslavia, which was only narrowly lost. In the event, France nearly qualified, were revitalised under his management which at first, like Beckenbauer. came in for criticism.

Since then, France have been setting a truly cracking pace in the eliminators for the European Nations Cup, and it is hard to see them being caught.

When you suddenly push a great player into international management, you are clearly gambling on the possibility that his immense personal prestige will compensate for his lack of international experience.

And I suppose you can say the same more or less at club level, where those two eminent Liverpool-Scots, Graeme Souness and Kenny Dalglish, both did so



well.

But it by no means always works, as the blighted managerial careers of Bobby Moore and Bobby Charlton glumly illustrate. You have to have a bit more than prestige, you must be able to give your team confidence, and to learn quickly. We wait to see how Glenn Hoddle will fare at Swindon.

In Italy, one of the most interesting and pleasing features of recent years is the way managers come out of nowhere, work hard, slog their way up through minor jobs, to emerge at the top of the tree.

Like, of course, the long and the short of it, Gigi Maifredi of Juventus, even though

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he may not be there all that much longer, and tiny Arrigo Sacchi of Milan, who has just turned down Real Madrid, and whom the Italian Federation would like as their national team manager.

Neither manager was anything of a footballer; neither even made his mark at amateur level. But each learned the hard way,

When Italo Allodi, best known as a famous wheeler-dealer in the transfer market and a controversial executive at Inter and Juventus, surprisingly took over the national coaching centre, he instituted something called a Super Course, which entailed sending its lucky participants all over the world.

None of the more hard-headed, noted club managers was much impressed. It looked more like an essay in self-glorification. But the basic system of making managers take courses and diplomas seems to have worked.

The point is that courses, without the experience at the lower levels, just are not enough. Souness and Dalglish, meanwhile, may simply be the exceptions who prove the rule.

Souness kept Glasgow Rangers at the top of the heap in Scottish football. He managed the club, became a director and a shareholder after starting as player-manager. He was even sent off in his first match away to Hibernian. But the team consistently failed to win the Scottish Cup or to make decent progress in European tournaments.

Souness, now at Liverpool, has often been in disciplinary trouble, banned from the touchline and fined by the Scottish Football Association.

Would a managerial course or an apprenticeship of a smaller club have helped him to avoid such troubles?

Or would they have enabled Kenny Dalglish to soldier on this season at Liverpool when the going got tough, instead of suddenly, almost shockingly, giving up, and leaving Liverpool to it, in a stage of gathering crisis? Yet until this season, Liverpool under Dalglish had still looked a powerful, dominant team.

The answer perhaps is that a few outstanding figures will always be able to challenge conventional wisdom and make do with managerial preparation.

For the rest. experience will surely be the finest teacher. ●

# WHAT'S STRE GOT TO DO WI

UST five months into the year and you feel that everything is a drag. The pressure at office is more than you can handle, but you can't take it easy 'cos then you're gonna lose out on the race, (and of course the new year resolutions that you made keep pricking and goading you forward) At home too you are not left alone. The phone's out. the pipes are leaking and there are the never-ending bills to be paid.

You just want to throw up everything and go somewhere where you will be left alone for some time If you are in that frame of mind, GO AHEAD, and do it

Some people thrive on pressure. Some die from it Some people say the stress is an adrenalin rush But many people say that what thrills you, kills you so you should chill out. The wisest way to cope with an overdose of stress is to prevent it from building mside you. When the circumstances get you all fired up, give vent to the pressure in some useful and or harmless way.

1. ASSESS. The first step in reducing stress is to figure out what



gets you fired up. When you feel the stress getting to you, assess the environment in which you function. You will immediately be able to put your finger on some aspects that really turn you off or, rub you the wrong way. At times it might be difficult to identify the sources because after a while you become immune to

# Nature is the best known stress relievers

the conditions like the grating noise, the clutter around you, or even the smell prevailing in the room

2. SEEK IMMEDIATE RELIEF. Once you can pinpoint the irritants that are the causes of stress the next logical thing to do would be to remove the source of external stress. Close the door, turn down the volume, turn on the fan, or leave the room.

There are going to be times when you cannot eradicate the source of external stress. At these times the best thing to do will be to take a minivacation. Remove

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yourself from the environment for 10 minutes, an hour or maybe even for a week end Now that does not mean investing a good amount of money and going for a holiday in some exotic resort Research has proved that even the slightest contact with nature does you good, it will get your pulse and heart beat to normal before long. There is no doubt that Mother Nature has powers to soothe even the most savage beast So indulge in a walk in the park once in a while

3. MANAGE YOUR **TIME.** One of the main factors that brings on stress is one's schedule. One is always thinking and fretting about the things, there are to be done. The rule here is to set your priorities and then organise your efforts. That way you will be able to accomplish more, and with less tension. Make it a point never to fret about how much you have to do, instead make lists and follow them.

The question that now comes up is what kinds of lists? Make a daily 'to do' lists of jobs. Then

consider these jobs There are some that you enjoy doing, some that you have been delegated to do, and some that you detest donig, but have to do nevertheless. The last mentioned category on your list should be the ones that you do when you are at your productive best. To avoid procrastinating, follow a job that you don't like with a job that you like. to reward yourself Allow ample time for jobs so that you are not pressurised by time restraints, and also schedule several short relaxation breaks in the middle of your job. This will definitely help you focus more on the job once you come back

4. REACH OUT TO OTHER PEOPLE. People often do not realise the good a friendly hug can do. Researchers claim that when touched our respiration deepens, and the increased oxygen intake slows the heart rate and the blood pressure decreases.

People who consider themselves close to their families and friends tend to live longer and they are inevitably healthier than people

who feel isolated. There is concrete proof about the great power in the human touch For instant stress relief hug your family and friends more Pat them on the back. Look for things to laugh about, and laugh more often Go outside in the rain and rediscover the long forgotten pleasure of getting wet, for the heck of it Open up and talk to your near ones about your feelings and concerns.

Make it a liabit to show more kindness to people Not just the near ones but even the so called acquaintances A friendly smile a compliment, a checrful greeting will reduce the stress in you and at the same time the other person will definitely feel better These small things will go a long way in brightening your life and the life of others around you

5. BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU'VE GOT. A good amount of time in

When in distress reach out for the near are dear ones

one's life is spent pondering about the things that one does not possess. We are not saying here that it does not pay to be ambitious, but don't let the consumer spree become your obsession. When you're in the throes of rage, anxiety or fear, you can be convinced that all is chaos around you.

At these times watch out for opportunities to experience thankfulness and you will find enough things to be thankful for It is a form of visualisation and once you are an expert in that then you will find that tension will not get to you so easily

The positive images you can conjure up in your mind will take your sights off the wornes and the tensions and will help a great deal in overcoming the self defeating emotions that keep bogging you down. It also keeps stress levels to the minimum.

The bottom line that you should never forget is: Chill out, before the stress gets to you.



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# INHIS OWN WRITE

## BY MUDAR PATHERYA

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HE freshest addition to my cricket library is The Joy of a Lifetime by Harsha Bhogle My principal criticism of the work is simply that it has no

concept of timing the tour of England ended in late August 1990 and the book meant to be a collection of Bhogle's writings in England arrives on the reviewer stable in early May. The out tray is where one would have immediately consigned it but problems, problems because Bhogle is my favourite cricket writer. So after the initial annoyance at being taken for granted. Martin Johnson and Henry Blofeld's account of the Reliance Cup was in my hand within a month of the tournament ending— I flip past the pages to rekindle memory.

Worth it In fact well worth it Bhogle writes an uncliched style the turn of language is what he has tested and tried on Bombay's afternoon readership with success and their quietly slipped between covers for an all-India scrutiny

He has used some amazing lines in his copies. I actually ticked them out in ink on my sample copy. Like when he says that "Anil Kumble joined Sachin Tendulkar at the top of the curiosity."

charts yesterday (18 July) They are an unlikely looking pair up there One is short, chubby (even sweet!), explosive and distinctly charismatic tomorrow's pin-up boy. The other is tall, studious, unassuming and the kind who would probably be sitting in the rear corner of the dressing room, wondering whether PI should be taken as 3 1416 or 3 14159

Bhogle's despatch on 22 July had an off-beat opening After the Formula One atmosphere at Trent Bridge cricket at Grace Road was a bit like a vintage car rally full of colour full of atmosphere and the spirit more important than the competition

After Azhar put England in to bat at Lord's four-days later, Bhogle wired "The groundsmen created a dream Azharudd.n bowed and said pehle aap

His best was telexed from The Oval 23 and 24 August "If ever a press box was designed for nobody to sit in, he wrote, "it must be the new one at the Oval With nobody in it, it looks wonderfully spacious and roomy like it did on the day before the Test Come the first morning and you discover that the difference in levels is so small that you can only see as far as the man in front of you. An honest report of where I am sitting will be called A treatise on the back of the head of Qamar Ahmed and David Fiith Well at the Oval Press Box if you aspire to see the game sitting you need to be an overgrown bloated giant with each of the rows in front occupied by demented bald dwarfs

There is a lot of gossip in it also not exactly of the Stardust variety Like when Manoj Prabhakar complained that he wasn t getting enough movement because the new balls used in England had flatter seams like when Geoff Boycott told interviewer Tony Lewis that had he not missed international cricket between 1974 and 1977 he would have finished with more runs in Test cricket than Sunil Gavaskar, to which SMG replied "Before I forget Tony if Geoffrey had scored 10 000 runs, I would have played Test cricket for two more years' like when Alec Bedser told the reporter for Madhyantar that Kapil Dev has got 'a bad action' like when Bhogle informs us that the Lord s Test was sold out as early as April, like when the venerable John Woodcock wrote C'est Magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre" (Magnificent, but that is not how you wage a war) after Azhar held the flag high from a sinking ship at Lord's, like when he quoted Bedi





as saying that English women 'wanted to seduce Sachin.'

It's an amusing read, this book 'The sesame of why this is so figures in the Introduction itself, "I have always believed that cricket is an extremely emotional sport," feels Bhogle. "That behind this imposing fortress of numbers, there are stories of great joy and sadness. That cricketers are merely characters on a stage; only they have not seen the script before That cricket needs reviewers rather than reporters "

This is a most diplomatic way of saying that much of the cricket writing today is badly out of sync with the times You are watching the game on TV, or if you haven't, you catch up with the highlights, or if you may not, you peek in briefly for the condensed scores on Doordarshan at 8 40 or 9.30 pm Or. what the hell, if you don't have access to a TV you merely ask any fool anywhere in the country and he'll tell you that India scored 231 for 5 in 306 minutes and 82 overs and that Kapil Dev, dropped at 2, is now 65 and there's a good chance of Prabhakar not being able to bat due to a pulled muscle tomorrow morning and

And yet, the first para in the newspaper's special report starts "At stumps on the first day at the Chepauk in the Test between...blah blah ...India were. blah blah ...with Kapil Dev and Sachin Tendulkar not out at...blah blah."

It's time doctors, prescribed Avil for cricket readers, more importantly, it's time cricket writers started getting a 'feel' of the game, and altered the 'strictly reporting' line of their copies. Amuse us, seduce us, but don't confuse us.

On the slightly macro-level, cricket writers are not making any qualitative contribution to their profession
Septuagenarian artist Paritosh Sen once summed up the boom in art fittingly: "Oh yes, they tell me that canvases are selling for staggering amounts today and that the art market has exploded. But is there anything sensational happening to art itself? I haven't seen it." The same goes for a majority of cricket despatches. I cannot remember the last time I swooped down on the morning paper wanting to see how the previous day's play had been described.

Now that one is on the outside and able to look upon the 9 to 5 business of cricket writing a bit more objectively, one feels that the fault does not lie with the cricket writer alone. Hang most of the sports editors as well.

But that is another story.

OW RE those abs doing? Hope they re shaping up and giving you the waistline of your dreams. Hey, considering we've been hitting them with so many different types of exercise over the last three weeks, they better be

We're going to stay at this bodypart for one more week with apologies to all those readers who are bored with it already. But in truth if you ie even casually into fitness it's the gut that you should be tackling the first. Like we told you earlier, get that waistline into shape and you're going to look a whole lot better immediately.

To round off our abdominal special, this week here are a few tips on getting the most of your abdominal workouts

First dontgetyour hands into the act too much A lot of the exercises call for the fingers to be interlinked behind the head and a lot of us tend to yank too much with the hands while lifting the torso in a sit-up of curl-up lt's at its worst when you're trying to squeeze out a few extra reps at the fag end of your set That's when the body just refuses to get off the floor and you unconsciously use the strength of your hands to pull the head off the floor and get the nutial momentum

What happens is that the cervical vertebrae is put under great stress, making your neck susceptible to injury If you can't get out of the habit, try crossing your hands in front of your

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# ABS DON'T COME EASY

chest or holding them out at your sides That II make sure you get the abdominal muscles to

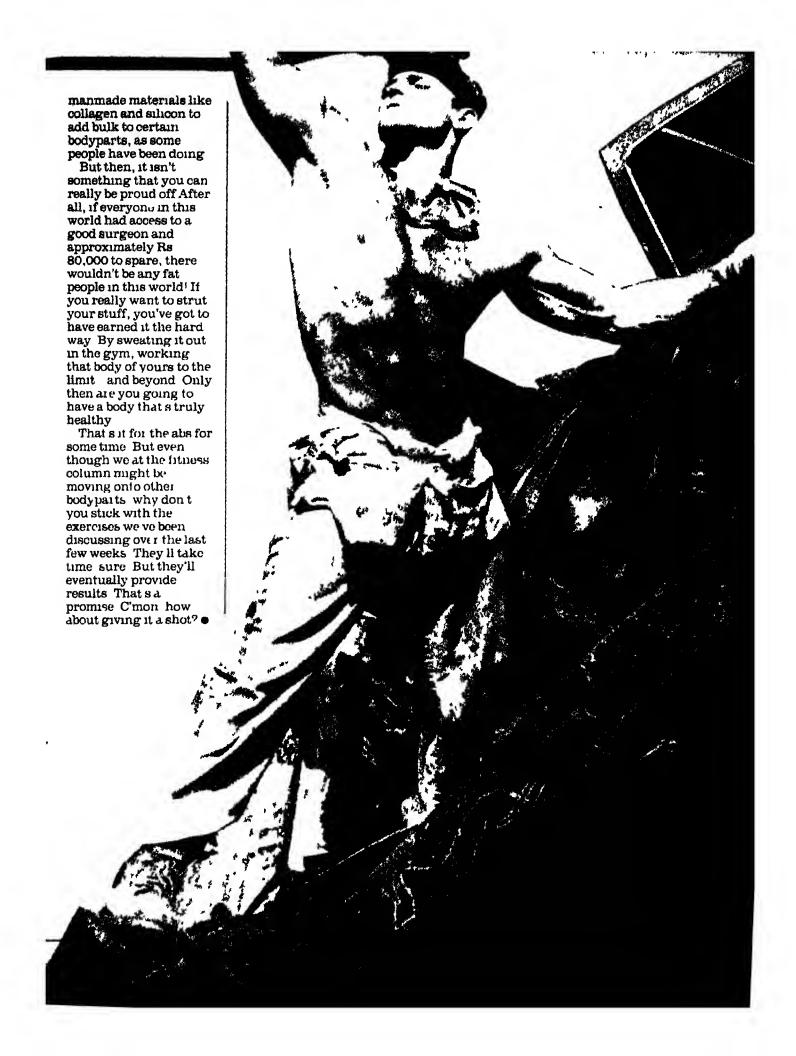
take all the strain Secondly, try not to hold your breath while doing your ab work

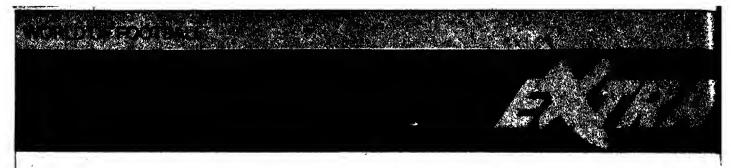


That'll increase the rigidity of the spine—the very one you're trying to flex! Instead, weave a rhythm of breathing out when you lift, breathing in when you lower—That'll make the rest of the body work in sync with the abdominal muscles

Now for the part we shouldn tactually be discussing considering this is a fitness column surgery Like it or lump it, that is one option of trimming the fat that's accumulated around the midriff And if you're too lazy to sweat it off, or the results still aren't showing through even after millions and trillions of sit-ups, then you can take this easy way out If you've got the resources, that is

The basic procedure is this fat is withdrawn from a part of the body where an excess has accumulated In liposuction, this withdrawn fat is discarded But in autologous fat transplantation, the fat is reinjected into the body where it is needed to smooth wrinkled or furrowed skin. This is much safer than using





# **Cryuff: Give Up Smoking**

HE most popular television sports advertisement in Europe is Johan Cryuff, the former Dutch World Cup star and currently coach of Spanish League champions, Barcelona, who has urged the youth to give up smoking. The ad is very ironic as Cryuff was a chain smoker since the age of 14. He smoked even during his international career. However, the change of heart occurred when Cryuff needed a heart-by-pass surgery in February 1990 because of his 40-a-day puffing.



The 43-year-old star is now strangely against smoking. In urging Spaniards to give up amoking in a television ad for the Catalan Government, Cryuff says: "In my life I have had two big vices: smoking and playing football. Football has given me everything, but smoking nearly took it all away." He then kicks a cigarette packet out of sight. Cryuff made the ad free of charge at the advice of a doctor who treated him for a mild heart attack. La Vanguardia, the Spanish paper which first reported about this ad,

said it is being translated to be shown in different European countries. As a substitute for smoking, Cryuff now chews gum.

# **The Yugoslav Connection**

ITH most football leagues in Europe over, it is transfer time now. The major speculation is on dethroned European champions but still World Club Champions AC Milan. Italian sports papers report that AC Milan's 'Dutch connection' may be over. Marco Van Basten is on his way to Barcelona to join his mentor John Cryuff. Ruud Gullit is having yet another cartilege operation. Frank Rijkaard is sulking and thinking of giving up football or returning to Holland, after his divorce. Milan are now seeking the Yugolsav connection. Three players from the Red tar Belgrade, the European Champions Cup finalists, are set to join Milan. They are brilliant playmaker Robert Prosinecki, striker Darko Pancev and ball player Savicevic.

# The Gazza Syndrome

N London, the transfer news is about three England internationals. Paul Gascoigne of Spurs is set to join the Roman club Lazio for a world record fee of £8.5 million. Lazio president Giani Marco Calleri has launched a massive publicity drive to woo "Gazza" to Rome. Banners have been hung all over Rome, saying "benvenuto (welcome) Gazza". Pictures of Lazio players carrying welcome banners are displayed in Italy's three sports papers. Corriero Dello Sport, Italy's leading sports newspaper, displayed a free colour poster of Gazza dressed as a gunslinger. 75,000 posters were sold within an hour of production. British newspapers report that English tourists in Rome are asked questions about Gazza.

Lazio's bid to get Gazza is being supported by Roman businessman Sergio Cragnotti, one of Italy's richest industrialists. Cragnotti, a real Gazza fan said, "He has the charisma of Gullit the technique of Platini and a strong character. I like him." Shops in Rome have contacted Paul Gascoigne promotions for Gazza related products which are doing roaring business in the city. The only snag to Lazio's happiness is that Spurs



manager Terry Venables is trying to get a British consortium of businessmen to put forth a lucrative deal for Gazza to stop him from leaving the British Isles. A decision is expected within a fortnight.

# **The Demand For Platt**

HE big transfer news in England is about midfielder David Platt and left-back Tony Dorigo. The Aston Villa midfielder Platt, who became famous in Italia '90 for his last minute volleyed winner against Belgium, was offered £5.3 million to join Bari, yet another middle-of-the-table Italian first division club. Platt rejected this offer. But he is not staying with Aston Villa.

League champions Arsenal seeking to build their squad for the European Cup challenge next season have offered Platt £5 million. The Arsenal manager George Graham is very keen on Platt, who was seen as an outstanding player with sensible, realistic attitude and attracted corporate sponsorship and hospitality. The England left-back, Tony Dorigo's contract with Chelsea concludes by the end of May. He is linked with Manchester United or Liverpool for £1.5 million.

# Enter John Salako

HE latest African-born player to make it big is the Nigerian-born winger John Salako of Crystal Palace. He has been chosen by England's manager Graham Taylor for the summer tour to Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia. The 23-year-old Salako is a Rasfatarian with dread locks like Gullit, the player he admires. Taylor is looking to him as a replacement for the enigmatic John Barnes who is yet to click as an England player even after 60 internationals. Taylor says, "He is an instinctive and exciting player with a good future."

# **Maradona's Sculpture**

T is the worst of times for Diego Maradona, arrested and banned from football. But the fans at Napoli have not forgotten him. An Italian paper says that the Napoli fans have launched an

appeal to finance the creation of a sculpture in memory of their fallen idol. The likely inscription on the sculpture, intended in a prominent position at the club's San Paolo stadium is: "to their adopted son, an unforgettable champion."

# **Arsenal's New Recipe**

EAGUE champions Arsenal have set a new trend in diet before a match. Steaks and the musual fish-and-chips-and-eggs are out. Before each home match, the Arsenal players are assembled by 9.30 am at the South Herts Golf Club just outside London. The players and manager George Graham eat and chat together, discuss tactics and consider the challenge of the forthcoming match. The pre-match brunch is a



part of the ritual. The players feast not on steak or smoked salmon but lots of cereal with milk, fruit, cheese, brown bread and honey.

Manager Graham explains: "The meal is designed to give a fast intake of energy. The players are only allowed to eat light food—nothing stodgy. Meat or anything that takes along time to digest is out of the question." A diet which Indian football clubs could well emulate. Many British clubs will follow Arsenal's recipe of success next season.

Novy Kapadia in London

# A Dog's Lift

### For marathoners

Tis a peculiar malady that marathon runners are facing. And the problem has more to do with canines. Running magazine was recently beseiged with suggestions from readers and runners on how to cope with the assualts of dogs during a race. "The best form of defence is attack," said one great soul.

"The wilder and louder you are, the better it is," said another. One of the readers suggested the carrying of a water pistol, so as to squirt it between the dog's eyes in case of an attack. Some went even further enough to recommend the Dazer, a gadget which makes a sound as distressing to dogs as it is inaudible to humans. Still more recommended an aerosol of dog deterrent.

Another faction prefers the dropping of a handful of aniseed balls at the paws of an over excited dog. The passive school, however, has suggested a diplomatic solution: standing still and offering a trembling hand to be sniffed. Somehow, this seems to make a lot of sense.





# BLACK OR WHAT?

### The fans know it

HEN Yannick Noah next talks about performing at Roland Garros, he may not be referring to tennis. He could be crooning to you, one of his native tunes from his newly released album, Black or What.

The album contains eleven syrupy sweet numbers set to music and rhythm from his native Cameroon. With his tennis career fast fading into obscurity, Noah hopes that his album of songs will help him to win over new fans in France. But there's just one problem. Why does Noah have to sing all but one song in English?

The professional crooner in him explains: "I have said 'I love you' more often than I have said 'je t'aime'. This logic however, is not working well with the fans because so far they've kept the album off the charts. That doesn't sound like love in romance. It's more like love in tenns. Right Noah?

# Maintenance For Injuries

# Zilch for pregnancies

ANADIAN athletics continues to be overrun by scandal and controversies. The point of issue here is not drugs (funny?), but the partial policy of the national sporting federation, Sports Canada, to grant full financial aid to elite athletes when they are injured—but not when they are pregnant.

An injured athlete is paid around \$450 a month, but an athlete who's in the family way. gets only around 40 per cent of the aforementioned sum. The victim in question is Ann Peel, the national walking champion and record holder. Peel gave birth to her first child in January, and turned out in a race a month later, only to protect the future of her grant. She finished last in the 3,000 metres (a full two minutes behind the winner). Peel, a lawyer by profession, has now decided to sue Sports Canada to the Federal Human Rights Commission. The dispute, she says, is not about money but about principle. Suing just for principle—and not cash—just doesn't make any sense.

HIS week instead of introducing you to something new in karate here sa small report on the Branch Chiefs Camp I attended in Japan late last month

Held at Yougawara near Tokyo from 25
April to 30 April the camp had 24
participants from Australia Canada
Belgium England
Indonesia Iran
Singapore USA Nepal
India and of course
Japan





Getting a tip from Grandmaster Oyama

Classes were held in morning and evening sessions

Camp leader Midori heips in the art of kumite

# KARATE

# THE POWER OF THE EMPTY HAND

With Grandmaster Masutatsu Oyama taking classes everyday in the basics katas self defence techniques and kumite (sparring) it was left to Mr Midori to over see the rest of the camp And all of us who attended got a chance to pick up the really advanced techniques as well as brush up on basics

By Shivaji Ganguly Kyokushinkaikan karate



#### ROUNDUP

### **CALCUTTA**

# Calcutta Cup Cricket

OUTH POINT put their Thums Up Vinoo Mankad disappointment behind them to win the Calcutta Cup Inter-School championship. In a rather one-sided final, South Point defeated Ballygunge Government School by 75 runs.

South Point have always been a major force in school cricket. With at least three players who turn out for the State junior teams, South Point's domination has been complete in the past. But Agarpara Mahajati Vidyapith stopped South Point's monopoly this season when they won the Thums Up tournament.

With Agarpara not around in the Calcutta Cup championship, South Point had a rather easy tournament. The final turned out to be just another game as Ballygunge Government went down without a fight.

South Point batted first and in the 30 overs that they faced, a whopping 191 runs were scored. Nilashish Ghosh, who was later declared 'the man of the match', remained unbeaten on 60.

Other major contributions,to the South Point score came from Samrat Tiwari (32) and Protyush Sengupta (34).

Ballygunge floundered against some good bowling by Alokendu Lahiri. The South Point lad ran through the cream of the Ballygunge line-up with impressive figures of four wickets for 11. Ballygunge were bundled out for 116 in the 26th over with Supriyo Dasgupta's 37 going in vain.

Dasgupta's knock in the final did not help Ballygunge, but he ended up as the man of the tournament. That was the only silver lining for the runners-up.

Lahiri was declared the most exciting player of the meet. The Fairplay trophy was jointly awarded to Uttarpara Government HS and Jadavpur High School. Soumitra Bose



South Point were the winners of the Calcutta Cup Cricket Tournament

# **Table Tennis**

ANINDITA CHOWDHURY reminded once more of her potential when she landed the women's individual title in the Calcutta Table Tennis championship. In a marathon final, Anindita disposed of another talented youngster, Debosmita Das 18-12, 21-19, 21-16, 12-21 and 21-16 to emerge the champion.

Arjun Datta may not be a man yet, but he won the men's singles title defeating Indra Nath Bhattacharya in a four-game match. Datta, who was a member of the Bengal senior team in the Jaipur nationals last month, was stretched by Bhattacharya. Datta on a given day can beat anybody, but generally crumbles under pressure. Bhattacharya won the third game in the final tie, but could not sustain the pressure on Datta. The final scoreline read 21-16, 21-15, 12-21 and 21-3 in Datta's favour.

Anindita followed up her women's title by winning the girls' title defeating Debosmita again. It was yet again a four-game match, but Debosmita could not turn the tables on Anindita who won 21-19, 18-21, 21-15, 21-8.

The boys' title went to Santanu Banerjee who got the better of Kaushik Das 21-19, 21-12, 21-11. Santanu is another lad for your notebook.

Debosmita's double loss to



Anindita was somewhat made up when she teamed up with Kuntali Biswas to win the women's doubles. The fancied combination of Alpana Chanda and Sonali Bhattacharya went down 25-23, 21-18.

The following are the other winners: Sub-junior boys'—Souvik Basu Roy beat Ambarish Chatterjee 21-5, 21-14, 21-11. Sub-junior girls'—Avanti Sinha beat Mithu Prasad 21-11, 21-7, 18-21, 21-10.

Soumitra Bose

### **ERNAKULAM**

# State Women's Football

A RIFT in the State Women's Football Association and unsporting methods adopted by

some of the district associations gave rise to a good deal of criticism and took away the major part of the glamour and spirit of the 16th State Women's Football championship.

Thiruvananthapuram fielded five new players, in the semi-final replay against Ernakulam, who had not figured in the original list of 16 players. The technical committee upheld the protest of the hosts and awarded the match to them. Another defaulter was the Thrissur district team who played with the players of Kannur and Thiruvananthapuram but nothing happened in this case.

With the help of three State players Kannur district retained the State-senior women's championship blanking out hosts and runners-up, Ernakulam. The final at the G.C.D.A. stadium was

a repetition of the previous year. Holders Kannur, with a balanced team, defeated Ernakulam by 1-0. State player Soona scored the solitary goal in the fifteenth minute of the first half. The Ernakulam women could not score because of the strong defence put up by the opponents. Usha Kumari Ramani, and Reetha did well for the winners.

In the semi-final, Soona's superb-hattrick helped the winners to reach the final by thrashing Kottayam 4-1 After the tournament, the rivalry in the State association was solved by electing new office bearers accepting the nominations from both groups.

Kanmur were awarded the Devi Krishnan Memorial Rolling Trophy and K.J. George Memorial Trophy.

P. Venu Govinda Kumar



# CALCUTTA

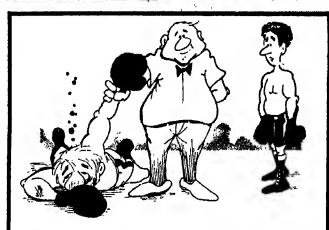
# Merchants Cup Tennis

IBP-Balmer Lawrie were the winners of the Merchants Cup tennis tournament held in the city. Seen in picture are (from left): Enrico Piperno, Gautam Ray, Sumit Chakrabarti, Dinesh Verma and Tejpur Singh



NOTONCE BUTTWICE PRO GOLFER COLLEEN WALKER SIGNED INCOR-RECT SCORECARDS IN 1986!

IN TORONTO, THE MISTAKE COST COLLEEN A \$2,500 PAYCHECK. BUT IN NEW YORK'S MASTERCARD INTER-NATIONAL, HER GAFFE COST HER \$18,500-AND A 2ND PLACE FINISH!



IN A 1980 WELTERWEIGHT BOUT IN MIAMI, THE REF ASKEDTHE RING DOCTOR TO CHECK THE BROKEN NOSE AND CUT MOUTH OF THE BATTERED ROCKY SCARFONE. INSTEAD, THE DOC EXAMINED ROCKY'S OPPONENT, KEN HARPER, AND SAW THAT TWO OF HIS TEETH HAD BEEN CHIPPED.

INCREDIBLY, THE BLOODIED SCARFONE, NOT HARPER, WAS DECLARED THE TKO WINNER!

# **MILESTONES**

**VOTED:** Hayley Lewis as the Australian swimmer of the year. She had won 4 mcdals at the World Championships at Perth in January.

TO MERGE: South Africa's three amateur athletics bodies into a single non-racial group, to advance the country's return to international competition.

WON: By Australia, the French Hockey

Tournament in Paris. They defeated Wales 4-1. **WON:** By Sabatini, the Italian Open for the third time. She defeated Monica Seles 6-3, 6-2.

WON: By China both the men's and the women's gold medals in the singles of the World

gold medals in the singles of the World Badminton Championships-held in Copenhagan. ABANDONED: By the IAAF, the feminity

verification test. The reason was that the present sex chromotin test was inappropriate and medically unsound. To replace that will be a medical examination to be conducted in the country of the athlete based on standard international guidelines.

TO RETIRE: Reeth Abraham from competitive athletics by the end of the year.

APPOINTED: Tomas Smid, the Czech Davis Cup coach, as Boris Becker's coach till Wimbledon.



# Good Suggestion

THE suggestion of Azharuddin that the team to tour Australia should be announced well in advance is certainly a good idea. A shortlist of the probables will surely help the players to psyche themselves up, get into shape and practise with motivation.

In the selection of the probables, age should not be the only criterion. If a player is in good shape then he should be given a chance to play and prove his worth. We should also take along some upcoming fast bowlers, bowlers who can extract some bounce and movement from the pitch.

S. BALAKRISHNAN, Madras.

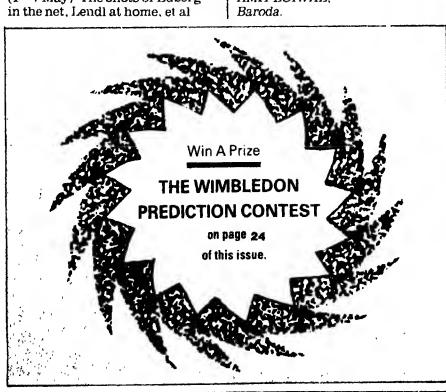
# Superb •

YOUR candid camera cover feature really surpassed itself (1—7 May) The shots of Edberg in the net, Lendl at home, et al



reflected the other side of these stars, the side that rarely comes out in the open.

I hope that such moments in the life of stars are covered on a regular basis, and this is certainly these aspects that set apart Sportsworld as the best magazine in the country AMIT LOIWAL, Baroda.



## Triumph At Last

LUDOS to the Indian tennis
team for defeating Indonesia in
the nail biting final. But one thing
that has to be admitted is that the
script for the victory was written
specially for Leander Paes. The
Leander one saw on the first and
second day was totally different.
On day one, it was a raw and
floundering Paes and on the
second day it was a confident,
aggressive Leander who
impressed all with his arsenal of
shots.

To a certain extent the script was unfair to Ramesh Krishnan, but he was mature enough to take it in the right spirit. Here's hoping that the couple will take us into the elite world group this year.

M.A. RADHAKRISHNA, Bangalore.

### Cruel Injustice

THE raw deal meted out to R.P. Singh leaving him in the cold was really unfortunate. The reasons given by the federation for the exclusion of R.P. was not convincing at all. Time and again, talent in our country has been wasted on account of the petty politics and these are ample examples in the hockey scene.

It is high time that the differences in the federation are thrashed out by the officials themselves and the players should not suffer on account of this.

J. JERRIN,
Nagercoil.

#### A Mistake

In the issue dated 3—9 April the report on the National Table Tennis had a mistake. The photograph accompanying the report on page 75 had a caption that said Kamlesh Mehta was standing at the extreme left. But the picture shows that Kamlesh was in the middle of the group. MANOJ KUMAR YADAV, Bhagalpur.

Interesting snippets from the

world media that we normally

don't get to

hear about....

#### **WORKOUT: AMERICA!**

S
PRESIDENT
George Bush,
is a sport and
fitness freak And his
jogging gave his heart a
jolt recently Bushs
latest was an attempt to
get the youth of
America, away from the
idiot box and get fit
instead Assisting him
in his efforts was Arnold
Schwarzenegger of
Total Recall' and
'Kindergarden Cop'
fame

The President joined the bodybuilder and other celebreties on the grounds of the White House to promote "The Great American Workout' This is a programme designed to get the youngsters in shape

According to the iron pumping fitness maniac Schwarzenegger, "The young people of America are far too fat and sedentary"

The pot bellied politicians of our country should take note Of course, they have to get into shape first!

#### **TENNIS COURT?**

IKE MOST of her pecrs Monica Seles

spends hours thinking about her strategy on the tennis court
Unfortunately she has to now contemplate about a court of a different kind. The 17 year-old has been served with an injunction which prevented her from collecting her prize money of £ 18 000 from the Citizen Cup in Hamburg.

The Yugoslav tennis star and her father Karoly are being sued for £ 135 000 for an alleged breach of contract signed in 1956 with & Colog ne based marketing and management company

This long running dispute came to a head in a scene that could have come straight out of a TV drama. Two bailiffs and a lawyer turned up at Seles. Hamburg hotel but found her father unwilling to accept the papers.

They then tossed it into the courtesy car waiting to take Seles to her match but Karoly



# SPORTING NIN

#### George Bush and Schwarzenegger teaming up to promote fitness

threw them out of the car as it sped off

Later however the papers were served to Seles at the Rothenbaum Tennis Club The organisers of the tournament were also served with an advisory not to pay Seles her prize money

Seles herself continued to brush off the controversy by saying "It doesn t worry me'

#### **TENNIS ROCKERS!**

HERE are rumours that the sultry American actress, Kim Bassinger may be joining forces with ageing tennis stars John McEnroe and Pat Cash when they record their own unlikely version of Led Zeppelin's old anthem Rock 'n' Roll in London Apparently McEnroe, an old friend of Bassinger, has been on the phone to her in the United States trying to persuade her to provide the vocal backing

Of course McEnroe

Can actress Kim
Bassinger sing?
McEnroe should
know since he wants her
to provide backup vocais
for a record he and Pat
Cash are cutting

and Cash will be playing the guitar, should you be wondering. Even if their efforts could turn out to be painful for the listener, it is all for a good cause, raising money for the Armenian Disaster Appeal, which has taken on a new urgency after the recent earthquake.

One question which nobody seems to have thought of is can the sultry siren, Bassinger sing?





#### FLANNEL-BEATER

HIS poem appeared in the letters column
Wisden Cricket Monthly, May 1991 Rashid Patel, a match was marred,
A leading batsman may be scarred,
And you have the audacity
To stand up there and say to me,

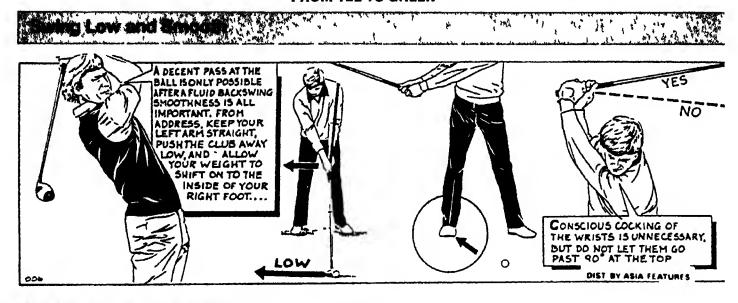
I thought he'd taken guard 'I would propose a spell in jail To teach you that you can't impale A rival with a borrowed stump But Delhi Scrubs in such a dump We'll let you out on bail Meanwhile, refrain from random swipes, Lest you invoke indignant gripes, For 'stumping' is, and must remain, The one inviolable domain Of wicketkeeping types!

Let caution shine 'forever amber'
Think twice before lambasting Lamba!

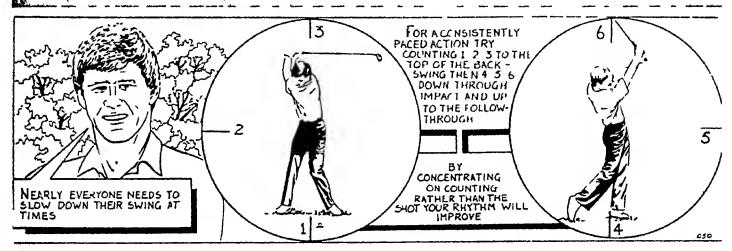
The Rashid Patel-Raman Lamba controversy inspired a budding poet to pen a few words

## THE FALDO FORMULA

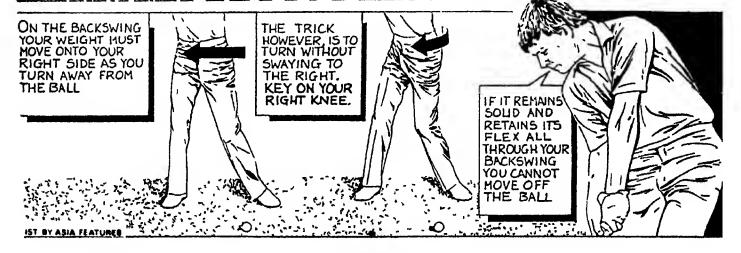
FROM TEE TO GREEN



#### Courit on the Backswing



### Malain Right Knee Position



#### QUIZ CHESS/SRIDGE

#### QUIZ

#### QUESTIONS

- Who became the first British tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title after the Second World War?
- 2. From which poem of Rudyard Kipling are the two lines displayed over the entrance to the Wimbledon Centre Court ("If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster/And treat those two imposters just the same...")

#### **ANSWERS**

- Angela Mortimer in 1961 (who beat Christine Truman 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 to win the women's singles title).
- 2. "If."

#### **CHESS**

Almost unnoticed in the excitement of Anand's Candidates qualification, Dibyendu Barua became India's second GM. He won the Duncan GM tourney at Calcutta scoring 6½/10 in a double round event. That meant his third norm and hence the title.

Barua's inventiveness and talent have never been questioned but his ability to prepare the openings always has. At long last he seems to be coming to terms with the problem and with the anxiety, of the final norm behind him he should be able to improve further.

White: Barua Vs Black: Palatnik Calcutta '91.

164 c5 2 Nc6 Nc6 3 14 g6 4 Bc4 Bg7 5 Nf3 e6
6 f5 Nge7 7 fe6 de6. An interesting sidelight is that GM Mikhail Palatnik usually employs the Alekhine Defence, while Barua always plays open systems (3d4) against the Sicilian. So presumably Platnik came prepared for the open Sicilian and Barua crossed his plans by playing the Grand Prix attack. Here black can make things interesting by capturing 7-fe6

8 d3 a6 9 a4 Nd4 10 0-0. White deviates from the book which recommends a quick exchange with 10 Nxdf4 ed4 11 Ne2 etc.

10-Nec6 11 Kh1 Nxf3 12 0xf3 0-0 13 Qf2 b6 14 Nd1! Bb7 15 Ne3 Ne5 16 Bb3 b5 17 ab5

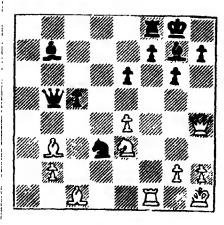
#### ab5 18 Rxa8 Qxa8 19 Qh4 Qa6 20 c4!!? Nxd3.

The last move initiates great complications. Black probably didn't fancy 20—b4 21 Ng4 Nxd3 22 Bh6 with an attack. Nor does 20-bc4 21 Bxc4! Nxc4 22 Nxc4 look very appetising.

21 cb5 (xb5? This is a definite error. 21—Qb6!? intending to remove the c1 bishop maintains the balance. Now (See Diagram) white is winning.

22 Bc4! Qd7 23 Rd1 g5 24 Qg3 Bxe4 25 Bxd3 Bxd3 26 Nc4 Rd8 27 Bxg6 Bxc4 28 Rxd7 Rxd7 29 Qb8 Bf8 30 h4 Kg7 31 Bh6! Kxh6 32 Qxf8 Kg6 33 Qg8 Kf5 34 Qxh7 Ke5 35 Qg7 Kd6 36 h5 Bd3 37 h6 f6 38 Qf8 Rc7 39 Qxf6 c4 40 g4 (1-0). White has an easy win.

By the way there was a printing error in Sportsworld 27 March-2 April. The sixth game Anand-Dreev went 34 Qe7 Kf5 and black resigned. Devangshu Datta



#### BRIDGE

One of the most prestigious of all pairs events in the world is the Sunday Times invitational where the minimum qualification required for an invitation is generally a champion of the world or at least a champion of a WBF (World Bridge Federation) zone. Among the few who had ever been invited with lesser credentials was Jaggy Shivdasani, the only Asian ever other than regular invitee Zia Mahmood of Pakistan, year before last. The format of the event is the same every year--- 16 pairs play 8-board matches against every other pair with Butler-scoring (in this, the mean score on a hand is

calculated without considering the two extreme scores and every score on that hand imp-ed against that mean—so, this is more like a team game than pairs). Unlike other events, participants are required to be formally attired; tuxedos for the evening sessions are a must. This year's event, held in January as usual, was won by the French stars Paul Chemia and Michel Perron, who were followed by the 81-year-old British world champion of the '60s, Boris Schapiro, playing with Scotland's Irving Gordon. Today's hand is from this year's event.

Dealer North N-S yul NORTH (dummy) **♦** Q64 **♥** AKJ6 AKQ EAST WEST 10.8 J932 ♥ 10.53-♦ K 10.5 **9** Q 9 7 ♠ AOJ64 **4** 96 SOUTH ♠ AK75
♥ 84 8 7 📤 J 10 B 5 3

At most tables West overcalled in diamonds after which six pairs played in four spades from the South seat. On a heart lead this was a none-too-difficult test of technique, declarer won in dummy, drew two rounds of trumps, unblocked the clubs, crossed over with the third trump and played on clubs.

Michael Rosenberg, playing with Zia, received the more testing lead of three rounds of diamonds. forcing him to ruff Now it is tempting to bash out the top clubs. This would work if the defender who ruffs started with 3 or 4 trumps but would fail here. West's overcall might have put Rosenberg on the winning line—he ruffed the third diamond, cashed ace-king of spades, finessed the heart jack, cashed heart ace and ruffed a heart in hand. Now a club was led to the queen, the trump queen cashed and hearts and clubs continued. East could ruff whenever he could but had no diamond to cash.

Santanu Ghose



OU'VE gotta be kidding, man! Athletics in this city, in May? Get outta here No way!

Yeah, that's what most Calcuttans would've said, if they'd been asked about the feasibility of holding the 30th Open National Athletics meet in their sweltering city at this time of the year. But they weren't asked. And the meet was held anyway.

38° C and approximately 90% humidity isn't athletics

Do winners always run in lane 4? Selvraj Roberts (583) wins the men's 100m while Ashwini Nachappa (501) does likewise in the women's 100m weather. And the results achieved at the meet back this statement to the hilt. And that wasn't all. The organisation was a disaster. No accomodation for the athletes. Confusion in the number of laps run. Even hitch-ups on the footmarks of the javelin throwers.

To start off with, the meet was brought forward. That's bad enough. Underprepared athletes are a sorry sight. Then political muscle made sure groups of disconsolate athletes—most of them

who had just staggered off two-day train journeys—sat around on the grassy lawns of the Salt Lake Stadium while election personnel occupied the rooms at the stadium, and when contacted, the host federation pleaded helplessness! What a joke.

Still, these guys had come here to run. To jump. To throw. And that's what they did. Putting all the hassles behind them, they did what they do best. To the best of their abilities. They sweated buckets of

vital fluid. They gasped for snatches of oxygen from the moisture-laden atmosphere. They struggled to recuperate in between bouts of load shedding. And, yet, they strived to start the season on a winning note.

Ashwini Nachappa did. The heavy weight training is history. Now it's all about explosive speed plus stamina. The 400m run proved that she's got staying power; Saramma struggling in her wake to make a race of it. Half the distance and Ashwini didn't even

# MIDSUMMER MADNESS



break a sweat Halve the distance once again and she was still better than Saramma and Rachita Panda The relay gold took her personal tally to four golds Shades of Usha? No way Jose

Reeth Abraham smashed the nine-year-old long jump national record with a leap of 6.28m...fired up by the competition from Bengal's Tapashi Baur (Inset, with Reeth)



That's one comparison this lady don t want. As one nosey journalist found out 'Are you going to be running the 400m hurdles too? he asked. He barely got out of there alive

Selvraj Roberts did too Finely muscled And ever smiling The 200m came easy Arjun Deviah following him to the line The 100m was another story altogether By the time he pried himself off the blocks the rest of the field had a five metre headstart 50m on and he was fourth And with 20 metres to go he was a runaway winnei Good for Roberts suie But it doesn t speak much of the sprinting talent in this country if someone is allowed to come off a horrendous first 50 like this towin

Vijaypal Singh won too Ho hum Tell us something new right? This guy might be a clear metre and some behind the ozone bound Bubka but he s still the





Aparna Bhoyer (473), being chased by Poonam Singh (second from left) and Kamlesh Kumari (663), handled the shifts in pace the best to win the women's 1,500m

best pole vaulter we've got. So what if he keeps falling sideways and hurting himself--this time it was a broken tooth while training at Patiala just weeks prior to the meet—at least he's still hanging (no pun intended) in there. Problem was, the organisers of this meet didn't feel the same way. Even as the bearded vaulter lined up his pole for 4.95m, they switched the stadium lights off! A subtle hint? Like hell.

It finally took anger to bring the best out. The 100m hurdles silver wasn't enough for Reeth Abraham. She wanted the long jump gold too. And it seemed hers till Bengal's Tapashi Baur sounded the board for a meet-record shattering 6.14m. Last jump. A fired-up Reeth crouched, sprinted, screamed and jumped. 6.28. A new national record. Wish I'd had a video camera to capture her joyous jig for posterity The pressure got to Tapashi. The gold was Reeth's. Whew. Nerve-racking stuff this.

There were others who didn't win. But ran away with our hearts nevertheless. Like the 12-year-old darling from Manipur, S. Linthoingambi Devi. She's small. Slim. And frail. But she's gutsy. Loping along barefoot, she was a picture of

determination in the 10,000m. The officials might have lost count of the laps completed. She didn't. And came in second.

Like the diminutive teenager from Bangalore, Poonam Singh. The sticky heat saw her come unglued in the 1.500m. The sudden shifts in pace leaving her struggling in fifth place. The jaw was set again two days later. It was do-or-die in the 3000m. The heat and her frailty—she'd run the 800m heats and qualified there too-combining to leave her fourth. For her, it was almost as bad as death. For us, glimpses of the heart of a champion.

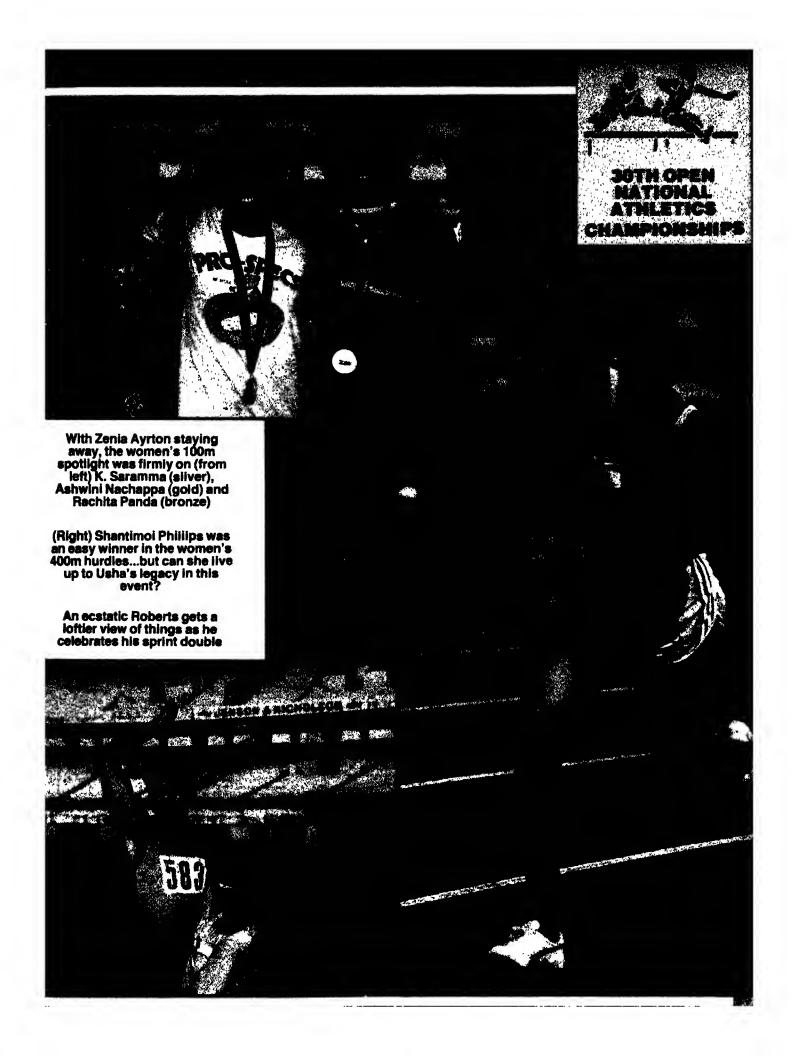
Like the resurrected Bahadur Prasad. Crucified after his Beijing Asian Games debacle, this was one confused man. His team, Railways, thought it fit to bring him here. But not fit enough to participate. Others didn't think so. Bahadur was confused. Finally, much wrangling later, he ran the 1,500m. But for Delhi. And finished second to Railways' teammate (hell, this is confusing) Ram Niwas. Tears flecked the valiant runner's eyes as he explained that he didn't believe he could run like this. Can this be the same man who was India's rising star last year? Jeez, what's happening to Indian athletics?

And like Rachita Panda. Third in the women's 100m. Second in the 200m. Dejection set in Was she condemned to being the perennial runner-up? Could she ever beat the likes of Nachappa and Saramma? When asked about the reason for her tightness, Rachita put it down to overtraining. Overtraining? At the very first meet of the season? And one that was brought forward? Tell me about it.

As the speeches droned on at the closing ceremony, a certain aura permeated the entire gathering. One of futility. The athletes, with a feeling of the whole meet having been an exercise in futility. The organisers, with a feeling that all their hard work had come to naught. Hey, what the hell were all of us doing there anyway?

Pradeep Paul

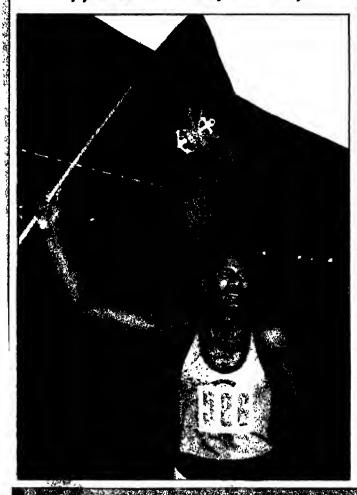
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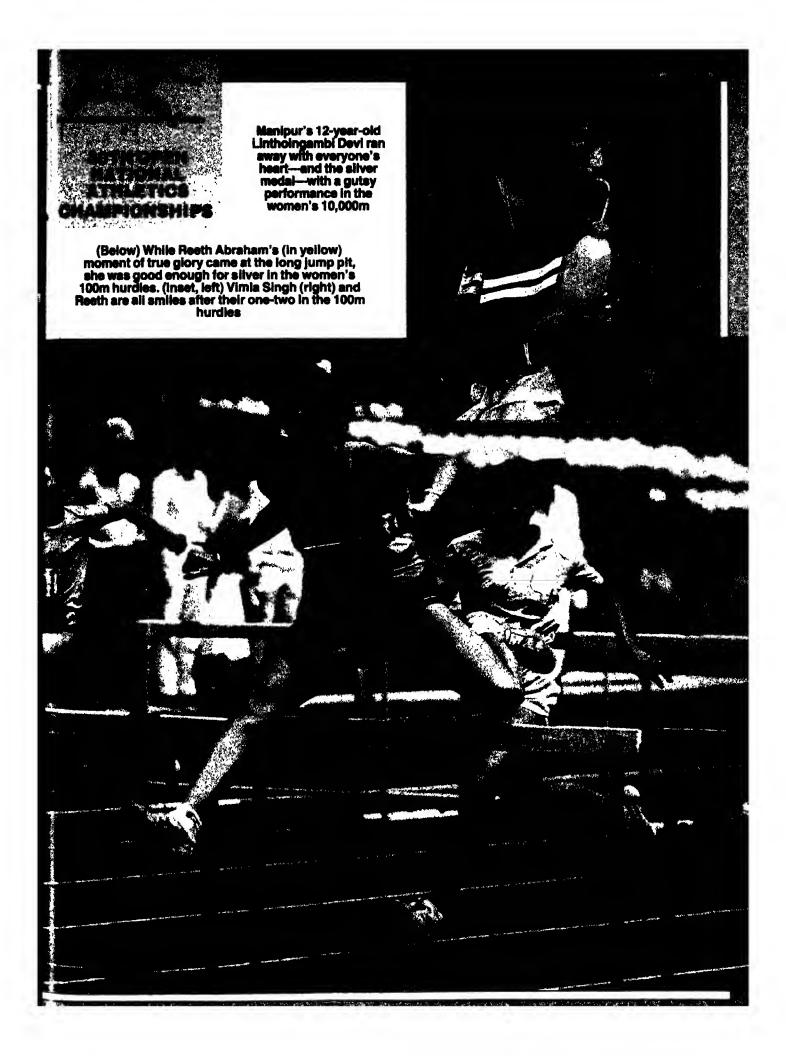
(Below) Shiny Wilson (seen here with Suresh Kalmadi) came all the way, but didn't run. Or was the purpose of the trip to remind the athletics fraternity that she is still around?

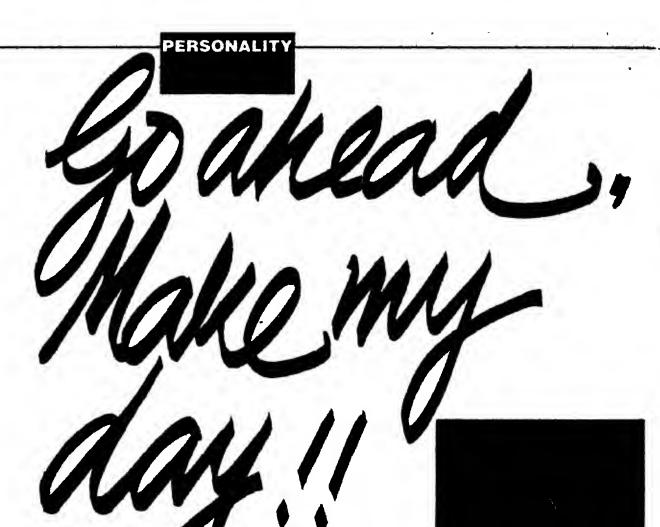


Keeping the Services flag flying high was Vijayakumaran with an easy 800m victory









Clint Eastwood
might be pushing
60, but he's still
as tough as nails
and needs a
workout to really
make his day

HAT'S the word on that chiseled torso of actor/director Clint Eastwood, one of Hollywood's

favourite tough guys? Says a crew member on *The Rookie*, Eastwood's new cop movie, "The boss is really buffed!"

It's Thursday night at Jacques in the Radisson Hotel in San Jose, California, where they're filming The Rookie. Virtually everyone in the cast and crew has something to say about the brawn and vigour of Eastwood, who's looking notably cut and vascular. What other 60—year—old looks this good? Perhaps a bodybuilder or two, but then, Eastwood's been an iron warrior for decades.

"I remember working on The Dead Pool, Eastwood's last Dirty Harry flick," says a stagehand. "There's this one scene in a weight room in which Clint ourls 40—pound dumbbells, 40 reps at a time. I assumed he was using weights made of balsa wood. I nearly broke my back trying to pick up those puppies!"

Clint has spent nearly a lifetime lifting heavy objects. As a teenager, he preferred manual labour. He worked as a haybaler and lumberjack. He started lifting weights at 19, when weight—training and bodybuilding were relegated to

**Scott Hays** 

backalley sweatshops with

black-iron plates.

"It was all free — weight training back then." Eastwood says "I liked lifting weights because I always felt good after a workout. I also liked to drink a lot of beer and I figured that lifting was a good way to stay in shape."

If you go back through his acting career—from his days as Rowdy Yates in Rawhide to the movie Pink Cadillao—Eastwood has always looked virile and fit. He still has the body of a younger man, even if the face has wrinkles. Eastwood's biceps are becoming as big as his

box—officemusole—which is still one of the largest in the industry.

In fact, Eastwood's lean and muscular physique, 6'4.009 at 190 pounds, was compelling enough to put him on the cover of MUSCLE and FITNESS awhile back. Eastwood and Joe Weider, a giant in his own field, became friends several years ago after Joe donated a full line of Weider equipment to the Carmel Youth Center—one of Eastwood's pet projects during his stint as mayor.

Eastwood wanted to do something special for Joe in return. He had heard that Joe was thinking about getting into the health club business, so he offered to use the Weider name in one of his movies. When The Dead Pool required a scene in a weight room, Clint called it the Weider Fitness Center, giving the name international exposure through his film.

In spite of his tough on—screen image, Chint is surprisingly quiet and approachable in conversation. And he loves to talk about his personal training program. To put on muscle for The Rookie, Rastwood increased his weight training, decreased his cardiovascular workout, and followed a low—fat, high—protein diet.

Instead of his usual 2—3 hour workout four days a week, Eastwood switched to a one—hour—a—day, seven—days—a—week routine. "One day I'll go in and do an hour of just shoulders and arms," he says: "The next day I'll do an hour of back and chest. Next day legs.

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Then, depending on my schedule, I'll run or use the StairMaster or a computerized stationary bike."

Eastwood, who usually trains by himself, rarely misses a workout. "When I'm working at night, I train during the day, and when I'm working days, I train at night," he says. "After working all night tonight, for example, I'll get to bed around 6 a.m, sleep until 3 p.m., and go straight to the gym. Then I'll go back to work. I have a hell of a social life!"

But that's his choice; fitness is a priority. "That's what you've got to do," he says. "During the days

When we pit him against a stress test machine, Clint wins. He has become almost superhuman. His strength is amazing."

Eastwood's bodyfat, says
Demopoulos, is less than 10%
based on an
underwater – weighing analysis.
"I've never carried much bodyfat,"
says Eastwood, "but I've always
been pretty good about watching
my diet."

There's never been a box—office attraction like Clint Eastwood. His films have grossed more than \$1.5 billion. Both his work and

Eastwood maintains a lowfat, high protein diet. He also pays close attention to his cholesterol levels (his father, a meat—and—potatoes man, died at an early age of cardiovascular disease). He consults with a nutritionist, but generally sticks to the following diet:

-1 Fish (his main source of protein)

-1 Pasta

-- 1 Fruits and vegetables

-1 No dairy products (he hasn't had an egg in years)

-1 No red meat (except for the occasional Dirty Harry burger at his restaurant the Hog's Breath Inn in Carmel.

-1 Protein supplements

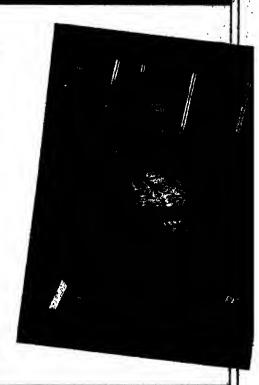
-1 Amino acids

-1 Vitamin supplements and

of the black iron. You had to really gut it out with a lot-of rusty equipment. We used to waste a lot of time changing plates. But with all this new equipment, it's actually getting easier to train. Besides I also don't have the

distractions I had when I was 19."
Is Eastwood as fit as he looks?
He is in such superb condition,"
says Dr. Harry Demopoulos, his
personal physician. "He never eats
fat, he takes his antioxidants
faithfully, works out like a
demon, and gets plenty of sleep,
which is an area that is often
neglected in a fitness program.

training have always been remarkably consistent. He has always known what his audience wants, and he never lets them. down. Likewise, he has always known what his body could accomplish, and he never lets excuses interfere with his workouts. "Tve been doing this for a long time," Eastwood says. "Even if I don't feel like training, I still do it. When you're a kid, you keep thinking you can put it off until tomorrow. As you get older, . it becomes a part of your lifestyle and you realize there may not be a tomorrow."





President Monem flanked by ex-wife Zulema and children. Is he trying to frame Maradone?

#### FRAMED?

#### Menem Vs Maradona

AN, the things we get to hear about Diego Maradona. It would make your ears curl up. The man's cup of wees is simply overflowing. And after our usual bit of snooping around we got to know something really sensational: that—Maradona's friend, Argentine President Carlos Memen is apparently part of a diabolical plot to bring him down.

In sum, Meriem may not be entirely displeased with Diego's collapse. The fend has been basically put down to a monumental clash of egos. The President was upset with the superstar since the 1990 World Cup, when Maradona arrived late for a Press conference, called to announce his appointment as Argentina's roving ambassador and presidential advisor. Menem has since stripped Diego of that title. Some even believe that Maradona's arrest was a setup.

Maradona sympathisers believe that the President has been using the soccer star's status to divert public attention away from charges that, several presidential aides and relations were involved in a drug ring. Even Menem's estranged wife Zulema, has demanded that the government lift the 'smoke streen'. Maradona's arrest itself, was something of a spectacla. Police alerted the media and held him for three hours before parading him out of the apartment in front of TV crew.

Meanwhile, Menon is covering new grounds in diplomacy: "We cannot, after having elevated him to the range of untruchable idel, truckly him in the cruellest fashion. We've dealing with a sick bey and as such we have to help him." Stey timed for sucre massle.

#### KAPIL OF FRIENDS

#### Porty Pooper

TALK PR und you're balleting leaph plan. The partition set a totally new meanting to public exaction, and maybe people employed in this true of work could take a few leasures from the victoriace.
Herveria coptain.

The indian Davie Cup team playing Struth Korea got a pleasant surprise in Delhi when Kepil zapped them with a visit. "Just came along to wish them all the best for the tie." he said. And left, with the teams players murmuring out positive reactions to his gesture. Well, that's not all. Kapil has decided to help out a few of his lik with their election campaign. Wonder what he's got to gain from all this, but he's certainly doing a damn line job.

First to receive a taste of his PR acumen was Maneur Ali Khan Pataudi who had Kapil campaigning for him. Pataudi is contesting on a Congress(I) ticket from Bhopel and Kapil was there only because "Tiger is a dear friend and not because of any party affiliation." Asked whether he would also campaign for Chetan Chauhan his former teammate who is a BJP candidate, Kapil said, "If it fits into my schedule, most certainly.

Chetan is a good friend."

A new political career may soon get underway.

But Kapil should get his party affiliations

straightened out first.

Kapil: money talks. PR speaks volumes





Lend: golf is just one the few things he's taught Sampras. He's learnt a lot from him too

#### **GOOD FELLOWS**

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way all LE on I van Lendt, he's become guite a Will fan of Pete Sampran. Or should we say that I thay're great buddies. When he won the U.S. Open last September, Sampran credited Lendt with teaching him the value of hard sixth—not to mention a solid gelf game. Now Lendt has some kind words for Sampran.

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## BABY BOOM

Time Out

T's open season as far as tounis babies are concerned. And what's more, everyone's having them.

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WHERE
WE'RE NOT
SUPPOSED TO!

Working our way down from the tags
rungs of the indder, we find that Mr. and Mrs.
Ivan Lendi are expecting their second delivery
in August (actually Samantha is.) The new
arrivals to the Lendi household should in all
probability be twiss. Enfant terrible (actually
he's greying), John McBuroe and wife Tutam
should be expecting their third guest soon. They
have not determined the sex of their child yet.
Robert Segmo and Carling Bassett Segmo are
also going to have a new entrant into their
family: we are unknown as to the tex of their
child.

What's the scene you ask? Well, we might as well fill you in. End 1990, was a light mouth as far as playing tennis was concerned and these guys were slightly unemployed. So they decided to get their act together. Goddit?

Takem and John: If you can't play termie, make bebies



#### gramation of so very strange people, most, mother would not let me bring home for dinner. Like there's this oreature, and to be fair fellows, it's a talented oresture. And it makes some money. Read lots, And it becomes famous. Read, now eligible for Bombay art auction invitations. And then, and this is not college-canteen popphilosophy, money and fame equals inaccessibility. Read hard to get. So the creature who at 18 was always free for lunch, now at 28 can't fit you in Schedules, you know? Hogwash. All I know is that 20th century sport appears to begin and end with IM-AGE. The sponsors can buy it, but I won't.

Weatherbeaten journalists talk about the good ole days when player and writer had a relaxed, easy relationship. What happened? Journalists breached that relationship by going yellow, but sportspersons got rich, arrogant and

silly too.

I once chased a few cricketers for two days attempting to arrange a collective interview, but gave up because it eventually wasn't worth the effort. The problem was neither of them was willing to be the first to commit. "You get X", said Y, "and I've got no problem". That's silly.

The most relaxed interview I have ever done was with Sunil Gavaskar. And he is rich and famous. He was bright, charming, decent, ininilizent. Nevertheless, he is an exception. Sportspersons by and AND AND MONEY

## recurrecting

sngaging conversa-tionalists, monosyllables more common than sentences. To be fair, being a 8-hour-aday professional from age 12 leaves little time for education while always perpetuating insularity. Yet even when they speak on their own sport, they are rarely articulate or well read on it. Ambition often clouds objectivity and to put it simply once an interview is done there is little in common.

If journalists like me then have preconcieved notions about aportapersons it is quite something when they blow up in your face. Like last week, when I had dinner with Ashwini Nachappa, Reeth Abraham, Sunil Abraham and Poonam Singh. They were

charming, unpretentious, chatty, well informed, casual and wonderful company.

They were ordinary, yet extraordinary

people.

Sunil, who runs a school for young athletes called SURE in Bangalore, and is cosch to all three ladies, is intense, sometimes dogmatic but always learning. He still doesn't agree that Steffi Graf will make a great athlete, but then sportspersons always believe that their discipline is the best and the toughest. Maybe he should watch Steffi at Wimbledon.

Reeth, elegant, composed, belies the belief that mothers cannot be champions. The day before she broke the seven evening. When I one gratulated her: I possion barely hear her sky. whispered, Thank you.

Poonan Singh, just 17 and a long/middle distance runner of much promise, is a slim bundle of toothy giggles, glowing with youth and exuberance, yet to be touched by fame but I have a feeling that it's not that far away.

And, of course there was Miss Nachappa. Four gold medals at the Indian Open, the country's best 200m and 400m runner. Did she forget to preen that evening? Perhaps, because I saw nothing but a laughing 23-year-old.

"How's your film doing Ashwini?"

"Well you'll have to buy tickets in black", she quips.

That means you have to talk to me", bellowed Sumil.

Glamour girl. Colourful leotards. On the cover of Society. Model. If there is a frivolity, then beneath it is a toughness of someone waking up every morning at 5 a.m. "I just want to win an: Asian gold", she says in a brief moment of track talk. Ashwini who she is

When the evening was over it left a very pleasant feeling. But I'm still wondering about that rich and famous stuff. If Ashwini was an



Reeth Abraham and Ashwini Nachappa: ordinary, extraordinary peopl

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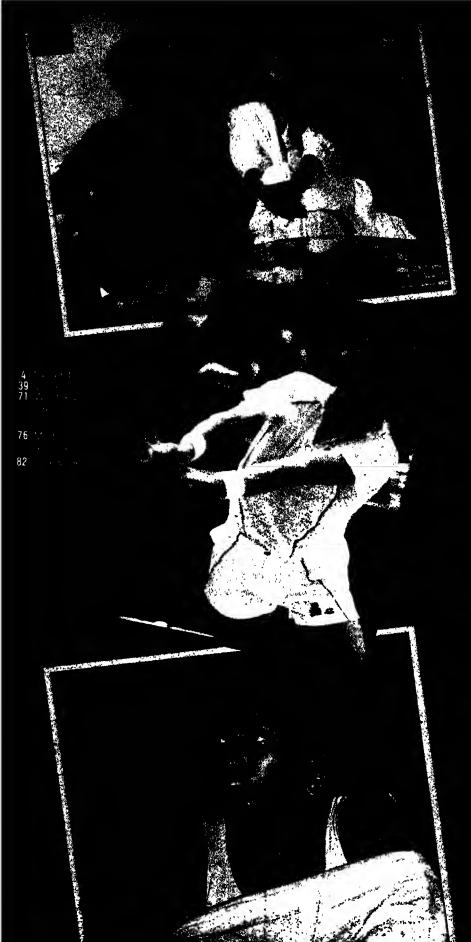
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# TARGET

431. Sir Richard Hadlee. That is the entry in the record books for the highest wicket taker in Tests. Four contemporary bowlers are trying their best to erase the record. What chances do they have of achieving this milestone?



#### HOW HADLEE, KAPIL DEV, BOTHAM, IMRAN and MARSHALL ACHIEVED 300 OR MORE WICKETS

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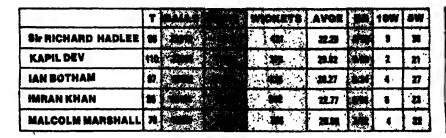


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**DILIP VENGSARKAR** 

**COVER STORY** 

# THY IS HE SO

VERYTHING about Dilip Vengsarkar is big His world is big. His domestic scores are big (he insists it doesn t matter) His flat, situated at Worli is big His social life (much as he would like to deny it) is big His contribution to Bombay's Ranji Trophy final effort was big Even the boos he is capable of drawing on the field are big His pretty wife, Manali is little but her presence is big Vengsarkar makes big money His laugh is big When he screws up he screws up extra big His talent (please pay heed) is enormously big, almost as big as his potential He's big-well over six feet—though his waist is small His bat is about the biggest anybody swings (so he told me) and so is his mouth His public image is big arrogant, immature and an egocentric they call him

But ironically, the misconceptions that people form about him are even bigger You think you know this guy? Big

mistake!

Dilip Vengsarkar is the subject Unfortunately though, he may not be everybody's favourite topic of discussion The guy just doesn t have a defence Almost everyone thinks he's a sucker But there's no denying him one quality as far as his game is concerned Dilip Vengsarkar has got class And we've got the facts -6,498 runs in 105 Tests out of which 17 were scored in multiples of 100 or more—to back up this statement Now

did anybody call him a sucker?

Dilip Vengsarkar is quite hot (read nice) when it comes to being an individual. But he's got this negative attitude about giving interviews. He's a



trifle misunderstood but then so is everybody

"Me, I'm a loner," he says "A simple person with simple tastes I like good clothes, good food The good things in life I've got my own set of friends"

Robin Chatterjee

spent some time

with Vengsarkar

and his family

to see the human

being behind

the controversial

cricketer



# UNLOVED?



Dilip Vengsarkar has started maintaining a low profile lately? Dilip Vengsarkar says he can't talk now. Not here (at the Wankhede Stadium). Not in the dressing room. Not before the game. Not after. Not while he's changing. Not

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A family portrait which wife Manali claims has never been clicked. Flanking Dllip and Manali are their kids: son Nakul (left) and daughter Pallavi (right)

in his car. Not over lunch or dinner. Not even while his back is being worked on by the masseur. "No interviews to Sportsworld," our one-time 'forgotten soldier' asserts firmly.

But how can anyone get to know the Colonel if he doesn't talk for Chrissakes?

"You can only talk to me (a bat goes into the trunk) if you promise not to talk (a couple of soddy pads are dumped unceremoniously) cricket." He looks up sideways as if to say, "Well?"

Problems, problems. Well one had absolutely no choice. A number of factors—his loss of Test form, a few brush-ins with the cricket authorities and some adverse publicity from the Press—have combined to stifle his actual self. Vengsarkar now goes into an interview, as if he were going to save India from a follow-on.

"People have an opinion of me," he says. "Whatever you say now isn't going to change that. Some people think I'm a nice guy. Some people think I'm a terrible person. People who know me, know who I am..."

And you almost believe him until you see him the next day.

"So," he says. "Is it going to be a positive article or what?" Surprise, surprise!

Dilip Vengsarkar insists that he hasn't

changed. But it's funny how people seem to feel that he prefers his own company.

"No the truth is that I haven't really done well since, err, say my 100th Test match. I haven't done extremely well," he

"People have an opinion of me," he says. "Whatever you say now isn't going to change that. Some people think I'm a nice guy. Some people think I'm a terrible person. People who know me, know who I am..."

re-emphasises "According to my standards These circumstances have made me change I keep thinking about how I have to score more runs and things like that Hell, that seems a good enough reason But all this talk about low profile cannot help but give rise to another question

Drip Vengsarkar's temperament has undergone a massive change? He was always a very subdued person But till recently, it was Drip who was (inhale) soundly rapped across the knuckles by the Board for writing without permission was wearing logos without permission given a showcause for taking part in a rebel tour to the USA, was made to issue a public apology to an umpire after abusing him and kicking the stumps during a local match (exhale)!

But lately it has been off season for him Only a minor run in with a reporter covering the Ranji trophy semi finals? Very dull This isn't Vengsarkar Is it the same guy who once attracted trouble the way a vacuum cleaner attracts dirt?

Negative Right Dilip?

"There are so many incidents that have taken place in my cricketing career. I don't want to go through it. But since the last couple of months. I have mellowed down a bit." Mellowed down? Unconcerned is more like it. But surely he did have his personal reasons to

justify his outbursts Like for example the Board fiasco?

"The thing is, I had signed a contract with the Board where there was a clause stating that I was not allowed to write. The Windles were touring then and I think Viv was writing in the local papers. These columns used to put immense pressure on the umpires. They said things like Aaj ka umpiring was good. There were no decisions against us. But I suppose these things happen. It's a part of the game now. I only wrote in retaliation." And look what it brought him.



An indulgent father at home. Dilip and

Pallavi share a laugh while Nakul looks on

Dilip Vengsarkar is also setting up a date for a Test comeback? "The Australian tour will be the big thing You see it is going to be very important. Not just for me but for Indian cricket. I'm looking forward to it very keenly."

It is questions like these that promptly destroy dreams does he really feel that he'll be going to Australia?

"No comments

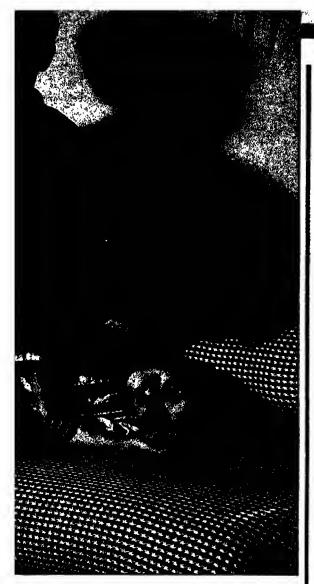
Is there anything that can stop him?
"I don't want to talk about myself"
Case closed

Dilip Vengsarkar doesn't need to His domestic performances speak volumes! Add to it the fact that there have been some players who make it to Test teams, but later on don't even play for their respective zones or State If for the last two years Dilip Vengsarkar has been



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doing precious little with the bat, then ditto for a lot of other so called promising batsmen. These are the types who tag along for extensive tours abroad and remain a part of excess baggage with just a county match thrown in for fringe benefits. And yet, ironically, they get a chance and not Dilip.

"Maybe people feel that I've let them down. They feel that I should score a hundred everytime I go out. I personally don't think that it's possible. Motivation is important for a player."

Dilip Vengsarkar lacks motivation?
Maybe that should be the key word. One look at the packed Indian middle order and one has to draw motivation from other sources. "Actually I know where I stand not only in Indian cricket, but also in the international scene. I don't really think about any competition."

Vengsarkar says. But then neither does anyone of them.

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of dialogues like, "I play as I have to play," could be understood as lack of motivation. Immediately, the temper that has sent so many Board members scrambling for cover is slowly revealed. "If there's no motivation in me then there's no point in carrying on. I believe in that. If I'm not fit enough to play then I will not carry on. I believe in that. If I'm not fit enough to play then I will not carry on. Tell me why should I carry on? And besides," he glared, "I thought we agreed not to talk about cricket."

Dilip Vengsarkar first noticed a girl called Manali in the foyer of the Oberoi Grand in Calcutta. We're talking hardcore romance here and we're going back a full decade. "She was with her parents," butts in Dilip. He, with the Indian team, and riding the crest of a wave. How come? Big scores, man.

"She had come with her parents on a business trip and we just happened to bump into each other in the hotel. At that time I didn't know that she was from Bombay." Love at first sight?

"Heh, heh," the blush had by now made its way up to his forehead. "Not really yaar," he says with a hint of machismo. "But after some time it did happen. We were married soon after. God, it's been ten full years!" He's got two kids to prove his point: a son Nakul and a daughter Pallavi. Manali looks as though she's just been married the week before and is perfectly at home with strange journalists. Her constant talking, laughter and zest for life can well bring grown men to tears.

Dilip Vengsarkar on the whole goes on with his life more happily than you would ever believe. He has friends, money, love, and a very high string of scores. He is young (more or less; he's 35) and cares almost nothing about what you and I think about him. He does not want to be your robot, hero, villian, role model, autograph, criminal, scientific experiment or saviour. He's got the style, and sooner or later he's gonna show it. "Form is temporary, class is permanent," he spouts.

But there's just one hitch: Dilip Vengsarkar is painfully human. Cut him, and he'll bleed.

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# THE INTERVIEW VENGSARKAR TORE TO SHREDS

Being one of the seniormost cricketers in the country, how do you evaluate India's position in world cricket?

Not very impressive. India is certainly not rated highly in the world now. Although we won the one-day series, we lost the Test series in England. This has not helped our image.

The coming tour of Australia will be very crucial for India. Our reputation internationally will depend a lot on this series because Australia are among the three best in the world. India will have to do extremely well in this hard tour Down Under.

#### But Australia have been drubbed by the West Indies recently. Won't that ffect their morale?

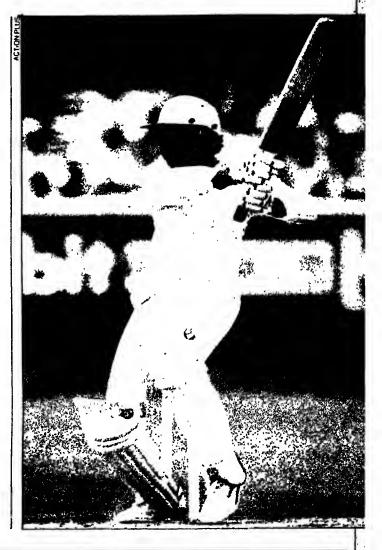
I don't think so. The Aussies are all tough cricketers. Look at their performances in the last three—four years. Brilliant. The West Indies defeat will have no hang over for them. Plus, don't forget that Australia lost to a side which is equally good. In fact, the Australians will be looking forward to the indians on their soil.

#### That means the selection of the Indian team will have to be carefully done.

Definitely. Australia is a vast country with different types of conditions. The Indian team should have a good balance between experience and young players. They have to be mentally strong

Two major factors which rattled the Indians in the Caribbean in 1989 were the battery of fast bowlers and the pacy wickets. Similar conditions will also prevail in Australia. How will the Indians cope up to this? You had said that many batsmen ran away from the fast bowling.

Look, what happened in West Indies was that I failed to get runs. I was the captain and lot was expected of me. I had been to the West Indies twice before and therefore had to score the runs. My bad form



It was after much coaxing that DILIP VENGSARKAR gave SOUMITRA BOSE of The Telegraph an interview during the Ranji Trophy semis in Bombay. As per Vengsarkar's instructions, Bose sent a transcript of the interview to the Bombay dressing voom. Vengsarkar tore up the transcript and sent it back with a note to Bose saying he didn't like "The way you have written it." A confrontation between journalist and cricketer followed. Sportsworld, without taking sides, produces the interview (which incidentally is on tape) word to word. We do not think it to be a breach of agreement with Vengsarkar. In fact we feel that there is truth in many of the

P.S. On the fifth day of the final against Haryana, Vengsarkar went on to become the hero of the game. Congratulations and keep it up Dilip.

things he has said. And the people have the right to know.



Azhar was one of those accused by Vengsarkar of running away from the West Indian bowling

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affected the morale of the side. Plus, there were others who did not perform according to their own standards.

Also, in the last 10-12 Test matches, I have not scored a single hundred. I have been getting out in the 50s and 60s. It's just lack of form. These things happen in everybody's life. True, I was not scoring according to my standards.

Your domestic cricket performance this season has been quite good.

(Interrupting) The standard of our domestic cricket is very low. Doesn't really help. There is a big gap between our domestic cricket and international cricket. It is not a great thing to get big scores here. Scoring in international matches is all that counts. That helps to build confidence.

That means your string of good scores have not helped your sagging confidence?

(irritatedly) Now, don't try to put words into my mouth.

But then how are you going to regain that confidence which will help you get those big runs again?

Look, I have told you that scoring heavily in domestic cricket doesn't mean you can score big in the international arena. As far as I am concerned, it is a matter of one big innings in Test cricket and I am sure I will regain all my confidence.

Your indifferent form saw your exclusion from the Pakistan tour that followed the Windies. Then you were again not on the team that went to New Zealand under Azharuddin. But things looked up for you briefly when you were called in as a replacement for the injured Navjyot Sidhu. But again you failed in New Zealand.

Yes, what actually happened that I was initially not picked for the tour of New Zealand. That put me off completely. I was really disappointed because I was playing well in domestic cricket and thought that I would be selected. But I wasn't. And just before I was asked to go to New Zealand as a replacement, I was hardly playing any cricket. I was holidaying in Goa. You don't play a Test match straightaway from the beaches of Goa.

So you must have been extremely cheesed off with the selectors for first dropping you and then sending you as a reinforcement?

It was ridiculous. First of all I never expected that they (the selectors) would do this to me. I would have digested my dropping if the selectors had picked someone who was my equal or better than me.

Your current domestic performance has impressed the selectors. Maybe, the Australian series will give you a fresh lease of life?

Well, I am going to do my level best. I am looking forward to the tour very much and hope that a



#### On the West Indies tour: Captains Vengsarkar and Richards. Managers Venkatraghavan and Clive Lloyd

single big innings will come my way soon. I would love to look at things more positively now and would like to forget the disappointments.

Between now and the Australian tour later this year, there is a pretty big gap. How are you going to prepare yourself? There's no good cricket ahead, so the emphasis will be on physical training. I am not becoming any younger (Vengsarkar is 35) and thus keeping myself physically strong for another couple of years is very important for me. I must not feel the strain in my body.

Since Indian squads are generally selected on the basis of performances in domestic cricket, you are surely banking on your showing in the Ranji Trophy?

It's not fair to select somebody purely on the basis of his scores in domestic cricket. It's easier to go in and slam a hundred in a Ranji match, but not quite the same in a Test match. Therefore, the selectors' wisdom and foresight becomes extremely important while picking a side. There's no point in pushing in a guy in the Indian team and pull curtains on his career say after one tour.

Of late, a crop of youngsters has emerged who are threatening the seniors in the national side. What do you feel about them?

Selected the transfer of the control of the control

It's a good sign for Indian cricket, but I did want

them to wait for their turn to play for the country I think they should not hurry. The youngsters should at least play at the national level for three years and then venture into the international scene. Even if the youngsters find a place in the national team, they should be groomed properly.

Then how do you look at the future of Indian cricket? There is a flood of batsmen, but where are the bowlers who can win a Test match for us? We have to do a lot of planning for the future. Firstly, our dead wickets should be overhauled immediately. They are killing our bowlers.

I would like to see that the upcoming bowlers try and avoid the one-day matches. Look at chaps like Maninder Singh and Lakshman Sivaramakrishnan. Just when it seemed they were taking over the mantle of Bedi, Prasanna and Chandrasekhar, they were finished. One-day stuff is the main reason. A spinners' artistry is crushed while bowling in a one-day match.

Have you enjoyed captaincy?

Oh yes, I did.

But you haven't been a successful captain...

I don't know what you mean by being a successful

I mean leading the side without affecting your own performance and also the number of wins.

Don't forget that of the ten Test matches I have led, two series were against the West Indies—the best



## Vengsarkar and W.V. Raman take a break from facing the fast bowling and relax on a Caribbean beach

side in the world. The 1989 drubbing apart, the 1987-88 series was drawn and I think that was quite satisfactory.

Weren't you stripped off your captaincy quite unceremoniously?

Well, that happens. In the last West Indies tour, I was out of form and more over India were mauled. So one had it. And if you look at the history of Indian cricket, a captain has been dumped after a bad series. It's very simple. If you score runs or gain victories, you stay and if you don't you are gone.

But that doesn't auger well for a side. Does it? It doesn't. It creates a sense of instability in a player. The axe could fall on you anytime.

I would say that during 1978-83, we had seen one of the best periods of Indian cricket. Almost everything we touched turned gold. This was purely because the composition of the side was more or less constant and captains were not changed like shirts. There was confidence in the captain.

Look at the last 3-4 years. It has been really bad. Which has been the best years of your career?

1985-88 will be the best. I did extremely well. I was No. 1 in the Deloites ranking for three years. So it's little disappointing now 'hat I am not living up to my standards.

Has your bad patch in cricket anything to do with your public image. I mean your advertisement campaign with a

soap company?

No. No. It has nothing to do with my cricket. The contract of the ad you are talking about has expired. It was a three-year contract signed after the 1987 World Cup.

But haven't you generally been keeping a low profile?

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#### Vengsarkar threatens journalist

**From A Correspondent** 

Bombay, April 28: Mr Soumitra Bose, a staff reporter of The Telegraph covering the Bombay versus Hyderabad Ranji Trophy temi-final here, was at the receiving end of star betsman Dilip Vengsarkar's boorishness.

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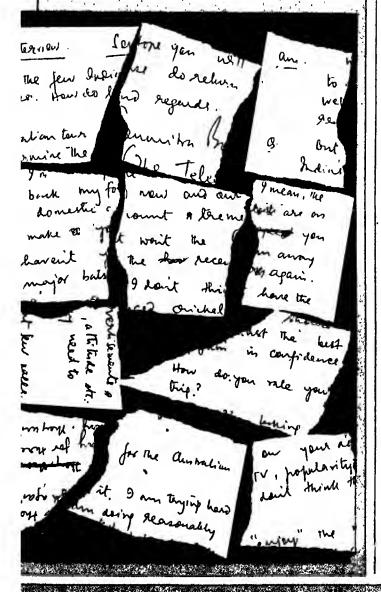
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Not really. What actually happens is that if you are doing well internationally, you make the headlines. That's what makes the difference. It's not a question of high profile and low profile.

How has the Press been towards you?

In India there are very few journalists who understand cricket. You can count them on your fingertips. Indian journalists have strong likes and dislikes. If they don't like somebody's face, they will write against him and always try to put him down. And there are some who feel that they are the kingmakers: They think they can make or break someone's career. Most journalists have a prejudiced mind.

#### A portion of the torn transcript



#### The note Vengsarkar sent wi torn transcript of the interview

So you are not bothered about what appears in the Press... Not always. I always take the positive criticism. Have you been ignored by the Indian Press?

I am not saying that I have been ignored, but making an overall observation. Most Indian journalists do not have an open mind. Some people (scribes) have got their own people. They will only write about them and they will ignore the others. Future plans?

Nothing specific. I am only thinking about my game, my physical fitness and form. It also depends how much I can motivate myself.

Despite your high profile cricketing image, you have largely been an introvert...

I don't quite understand what you mean by introvert. I have my group of friends and I mix well with them. I don't go out of my way to greet people. And I don't have this habit of keeping late nights, dancing at parties and socialising. I have been a disciplined person throughout my life. This has helped me during my career.

And it is again the Press which gives you all this

profile-tags. It doesn't make sense.

Actually you know that if I don't like someone, I tell him straight on his face. Some people asks me stupid questions. These put i'e off. I am too blunt for all this.

Then have you enjoyed this interview?

Oh yes, I have (patting the interviewer on his back).



**VIVIAN RICHARDS** 

## THE MAVERIC

# genuinely intriguing sub-plot in this summer's cricketing contests between England and the West Indies which gets under way with this week's one-day pipe-openers is, quite simply how will Viv Richards cope?

Not only with the doubters renewed challenge to Richard's own smoulderingly brazen batting pre eminence but with the continuing criticisms of his captaincy, which reached noisy levels during the acrimonious and bitter series against Australia in the Caribbean this spring

Richards is a man of moods a maverick and one who perpetually wonders why others have not been blessed with his God-given talents at the crease These things do not usually conspire to make good captains

When he announced that this present tour of England would be his last, the sighs of relief from some members of the West Indian Cricket Board were positively audible—they would love to revert to a more tractable and diplomatic leader who for a start—would wear with pride the team blazer and tie—and not a canary T-shirt and emerald green cords (no wonder the great man himself always sports sun-shades these days)

Yet ask any Glamorgan supporter Viv played there last year, and few you meet can praise him enough for his diligence patience and application to the cause both on and off the field he had time for everyone and anything. They say he'd have had a landslide win if he'd stood at the Neath or Monmouth by-elections.

Nevertheless the few times he has been under pressure as leader and totem of the West Indies there can be no denying that he operates on a very short fuse indeed Methinks there is a complex and wary man under the seemingly laid-back and lofty manner



Richards the captain has always inspired his team towards greater heights



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I wonder, if with the bat this series he will deign to play himself in. Of late he has dismissed such piffling considerations. A blazing venomous-eyed, assault on a bowler for a swaggering 30-odd seems enough to sate magisterial imperiousness these days. Such withering, but brief, audaciousness could play into England's hands this year.

In Peter Roebuck's rivetingly good new history of Somerset CCC From Sammy to Jimmy written and researched with such a mix of humour, insights, romance, and fierce intensity that you feel at times you are into an unputdownable novel. Roebuck is one of the men who obviously knows him best (or did, when they were in the same dressing-room for the county) writes of Richard's transformation from his arrival at Somerset in the mid-70s to his despairing cruel and botched departure in the mid-80s, "this cricketer of joy, of brilliance, of laughter, this combustible mixture of pride and humility, anger and sorrow," which at the end, alas, "to be near him was to be near a volcano."

There could be some eruptions yet under the brooding sun this summer...both at the crease and away from it. ●

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Two batting stalwarts acknowledge each other.
Richards with Azhar

# BOTHAM'S' BACK!

#### And here's 20 good reasons for him to be!

OTHAM is the man to salvage the pride and honour of English Test cricket.

If they want to get some backbone, some never-say-die spirit back into the England team, then the country's greatest all-rounder has to come back against the West Indies this summer.

Botham must have raged at the way England have been humiliated by the Aussies. Most of all, he will have been seething over those six horrendous batting collapses, ranging from Brisbane through Melbourne and Adelaide to Perth.

Australia's gutsy all-rounder Greg Matthews reckons Botham can still make a major impact for England. "There's been a glaring hole in this England team. They have just never found a man to replace Botham," said Matthews, adding, "At 35 he could still be a big nuisance for any opposition with bat and ball."

Ever since the selectors dispensed with Botham for last winter's Caribbean tour, they have had an agonising time balancing the England side. They have failed to find a worthy successor and have frequently been forced to opt for an extra batsman, so limiting their bowling options. And they got themselves in a hopeless mess in Australia by leaving out the world's best wicket-keeper Jack Russell, asking the admirable but less gifted Alec Stewart to keep wicket.

All this has come about because England simply cannot unearth an all-rounder of true Test class. David Capel, Phillip DeFreitas and Chris Lewis have all been tried without any of them making the all-rounder's spot their own.

Quite apart from his match-winning skills with bat or ball. England have missed his sensational catching and fielding. It's easily forgotten that Botham is just nine short of breaking Colin Cowdrey's England Test record of 120 catches.

Looking ahead to the clash with the West Indies, Botham would also be the perfect person to help his county team-mate Graeme Hick acclimatise to Test cricket.

Botham has everything to play for if he wants to meet his latest cricketing challenge head-on. And here are just 20 good reasons why chief selector Ted Dexter and skipper Graham Gooch must consider seriously recalling him.

- 1. Dexter and, more significantly, Gooch are both ready to welcome Botham back.
- 2. Their joint stipulation is simply for Botham to show some consistent early season form for Worcestershire. They want him to underline his claims as a No. 6 Test batsman.
- 3. Gooch wants to stick with his policy that you choose the best available side for each Test match as it comes—and does not believe that Botham's recent reluctance to tour should have anything to do with his selection for home Tests.
- 4. Botham has such pride in his own all-round game that he would dearly love to round off his international career in style.





- 5. He hates the thought that he may have been dumped forever as an England Test cricketer.
- 6. It rankles him that this summer's Test opponents, the West Indies, goad him by saying: "Beefy man, you've never done the business against us."
- 7.Botham still cherishes the ambition of scoring a Test hundred against the Windies to add to the 14 he's already scored for his country.
- 8. He has always said he could carry on as long as one of his greatest cricket pals, Viv Richards, whom Botham points out is four years older.
- 9. England's Test opponents believe Botham could have done a better job than a number of the players who have been in Australia on their most recent ill-starred trip.
- 10. They still vote him the most inspirational cricketer of his generation.
- 11. He has never forgotten the incredible targets he set himself in Test cricket in the mid-Eightles
- 12. As a batsman he'd love to go out as one of the 20 all-time highest Test run scorers—and that means getting another 800 or so runs.
- 13. His Test wicket target has long been 400, a mile-stone only reached by New Zealand's Sir Richard Hadlee—and Beefy requires just 23 more wickets.
- 14. Basil D'Oliveira, former England hero and now highly-respected Worcester coach, always predicted. "England won't necessarily get the best out of Botham again until he has had at least two years to get his full mobility following his major back operation in 1988."
- 15. Brian Close, former England captain and Botham's close cricketing mentor, believes Both would be good enough to bat at No 5 or No 6 in his late 30s and still do an important job as an occasional Test bowler.
- 16. There has never been anyone like Botham for defying injury in his 97-Test match career. Unlike a number of modern Test players, he will play through the most agonising pain—and would go out and bat on crutches if he had to
- 17. Although he did not have a great record as captain—having the misfortune to skipper England against the mighty West Indies—he is rated as an excellent tactician. No lesser captain than Mike Brearley said Botham had a marvellous cricketing brain and a natural feel for what to do in the heat of a Test match.
- 18. Gooch knows that Botham is capable of bowling long spells and keeping the brake on the opposition. This would give front-line bowlers like Devon Malcolm and Angus Fraser a vital breather.
- 19. Botham wants to prove he has not lost that ability to swing the ball either way, qualities which England desperately need to balance their attack.
- 20 No other modern day England Test cricketer has worn the famous jersey bearing a crown and three lions with a fiercer pride. Botham will be in the mood to show he is far from finished as an international cricketer.

Chris Lander



FIRST PERSON

ON'T think of me as some cricketing messiah come to save English Test cricket. For a start, there is just no way I expect to walk into the England Test team against the West Indies later this summer.

More attention was focused on me with Graham Gooch's England team having such a miserable time in the Test series in Australia.

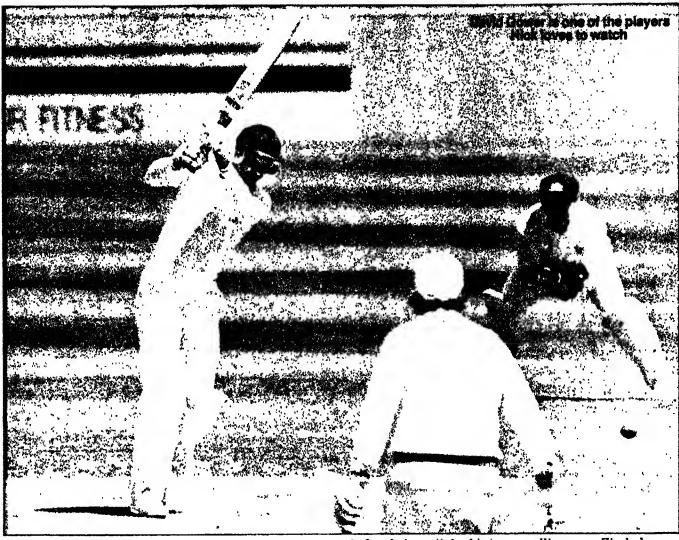
There are suggestions that it's a formality for me to become an England Test cricketer now that my qualifying period is up. With my own cricket under the microscope in Australia this season, and England playing there at the same time, the talk of "Hick and England" never lets up.

But the way I've played for Queensland so far, I'm a long way off becoming an international cricketer at the moment. Even though the number three position isn't exactly scuttled in the England team, I've no right to expect to be there for the first Test this summer.

Before I joined
Queensland I could have
been more hopeful. I
believe my chances have
gone back with my
struggles to make an
impact on domestic
cricket in Australia.



I AM NO MESSIAH



Aussie barrackers don't mince their words. And being called "Mr Hiccup" is not surprising. Australia's domestic cricket, the Sheffield Shield competition, is several gears up from the English county championship. The talent runs deep with only six teams as opposed to 17 in England.

In my determination to make big scores I got too wound up. I should have relaxed, been more positive and probably gone for my shots—which is when I'm a more effective batsman.

It has also made me marvel at how well Ian Botham did for Queensland two seasons ago in his role as an allrounder, with six fifties, 25 wickets and a dozen catches in just 11 games.

Ideally I'd like to have played a bit more cricket in Australian conditions

before being pitched into the Queensland side.

What people easily forget is that I'd always settled for being eligible for England in 1994 under the original ten-year qualifying period.

Should I be selected against West Indies this season it would be a tremendous bonus. I regard England as my home and always set my heart on playing Test cricket for them.

Seeing how England have gone in the last series has been hurtful and really painful at times. Maybe that will make the cynics realise how much I care about English cricket.

Perhaps they'll lay off

calling me a Zimbabwe mercenary. What with my endeavours to make the grade here, and a lot of leg pulling about the Ashes series, it's been an enriching if tough baptism in Australian cricket.

I got back at my
Queensland teammates
when David Gower,
Mike Atherton and Alec
Stewart batted so
valiantly in the Sydney
Test. Nothing gave me a
greater thrill than
watching Gower's
superb 123. He is my
favourite English
batsman.

If I were an England selector I'd write his name down for every Test wherever England are playing.

### Graeme Hick

# GUNNING FOR GLORY

The Gunners from Arsenal won their second successive League Championship in stunning style

It was like Holi and Diwali being celebrated simultaneously, as 100,000 euphoric fans hailed their Arsenal heroes. when the team paraded the League Championship trophy through North London on an open, flower bedecked. doubledecker bus

N the boroughs of Islington. Finsbury and Highbury, it was like Diwali and Holi being celebrated simultaneously. Over 100,000 euphoric fans hailed their Arsenal heroes, when the team paraded the League Championship trophy through North London, on an open and flower bedecked double-decker bus. It was Arsenal's tenth league championship in 65 successive years in the exacting 1st division football league of England. Teenagers with faces painted red, clad in red and white scarves, tee-shirts and rosettes. Staccato clapping, bursting of firecrackers, spontaneous repartee and songs, were visible and audible as banner waving supporters lined the mile long procession from Arsenal's ground Highbury to the Islington Borough Council where the team (known as the Gunners) and manager George Graham were given a civic reception.

For manager George Graham it was a moment of history. Twenty years ago he was a member of the 1971 Arsenal team which had won the double—the League and FA Cup—in the same year. This feat has only been achieved thrice this century, by Tottenham Hotspur in 1961 and Liverpool in 1986. An elated Graham had a double triumph of sorts this year also. His side won the League title and he was voted Barclay's

Manager-Of-The-Year for first time. The soft-spoken, reticent but elated Graham said, "It is my third such celebration with Arsenal. In 1971, I was a member of the

double winning team. In 1989 in my third year as manager we won the League, with a last minute goal against Liverpool at Anfield and now we are champions again. I'm delighted to lead Arsenal into Europe and challenge for the prestigious European Champions Cup next year. The club are known worldwide as one of the great sides and our convincing win this year has shown that we could be England's club of the 1990s." Praising the jubilant supporters, Graham said. "It's good for the community as well as the club. Sport brings out the emotional side in people and that is good for them."

Emotional it certainly was.
Grandfathers and toddlers, beer
swigging young men and shapely
blondes, sung and danced in joy. There
were no 'lager louts' in North London on
the day of celebrations. Instead they were
all the epitome of good cheer. Arsenal
have four black players—Paul Davis,
David Roecastle, Kevin Campbell and
Michael Thomas—in their squad, so they
have many black supporters. Blacks and
whites rejoiced together making football
for a brief moment a great leveller.

The songs were spontaneous and witty. Showing their appreciation for manager George Graham, the fans chanted, 'Georgy, Georgy, there's only one Georgy Graham.' Arsenal set a record by becoming the first league champions in England this century to suffer only one defeat all season. They conceded just 18 goals in 38 matches, winning 24, drawing 13 and losing one. So understandably England international goalkeeper David Seaman, a 1.3 million pounds transfer from Queens Park Rangers (QPR) last summer, was the favourite of the fans. They sang jubilantly, 'Seaman, Seaman, England's No. 1, Seaman'. Chosen by the fans as Arsenal's player of 1990-91



**Emotional** the moment certainly was. Grandfathers and toddlers. beer swigging youngsters and shapely blondes. sung and danced in joy.

season, the 27-year-old custodian on the public address system talked to the delirious fans and said, "Thank you for the fantastic support you gave in my first year at Arsenal 'For the fans, Seaman is something special, as he kept 22 clean sheets in the Gunners first 32 games, a club record

12,118 people, that is 14 per cent of the working population in the borough of Islington are unemployed One out of three families are separated, divorced or single parent families However the Gunners triumph and victory parade were moments to cherish and a chance to forget social stress. It was a time of raucous humour and identification with the players Burly 22-year old striker, Paul Merson said, 'Everybody of age, get pissed' and there were thousands of 'Ayes' Stocky 26-year-old winger Perry Groves led the shouting when he said, 'Shove your two points?' and the crowd responded Up your a This was a reference to the two points docked by the League disciplinary committee in October 1990, after the Gunners' players were involved in a brawl with Manchester United players at Old Trafford Yet this was a time they could laugh at anything -because this was a time of glory

**NOVY KAPADIA. LONDON** 

### **EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP**

# UNITED THEY WIN Mark-Hug raging but

Back in Europe after five years, English football has much to smile about with the impressive performances by Manchester United's team and their fans Mark Hughes, United's raging bull, branded a 2 million pound flop by Barcelona during his spell in Spain, extracted the sweetest revenge with two decisive goals against the club which said, 'he couldn't play'.

NGLISH eyes were smiling, as Manchester United won the coveted European Cup Winners Cup, on a night of pride and glory for English football, at the De Kuip stadium, Rotterdam. It was like the Biblical return of the prodigal son. After five years of exile from European football, due to the Heysel stadium disaster in 1985, English clubs returned to Europe with a bang.

Former England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton put it in perspective when he said, "After five years of exile from European club football just two English clubs, Manchester United and Aston Villa, were allowed back in Europe this season, yet we won one of the three European trophies. In contrast Italy had eight clubs in Europe this year and have won just one trophy (the UEFA trophy) and Germany had five clubs and won none. This shows that the speed, power, tactical organisation and commitment of English clubs is as effective as the flair and sophistication of the top European clubs."

It was a double triumph for English football at Rotterdam. United's red army of supporters (25,000) responsible for some notorious incidents in the past had evidently signed a disarmament treaty. The special occasion at Rotterdam was not sullied by ritual aggression and mindless violence and for once English fans were given a clean chit by the local police. Hans Stoop, a police spokesman at Rotterdam said, "Manchester has won. The United supporters realised that if they caused trouble it would harm the team. They were as good as gold and

NOVY KAPADIA, ROTTERDAM







helped the show go on."

In London, a relieved Superintendent Adrian Appleby of the National Football Intelligence Unit said, "The system of screening applicants for tickets worked well. Two coaches were turned back at Dover as the United fans did not have tickets for the game. Only those with tickets were allowed to proceed to Rotterdam." By their exemplary behaviour the United fans have finally exorcised the guilt of the 1985 Heysel stadium disaster. Their self-congratulatory chant of "We're the best behaved supporters in the land" was not mere hyberbole at Rotterdam.

The United supporters' theme song, supplied by Monty Python (a British political comedy TV serial) "Always look on the bright side of life" was most appropriate. At last United could. After 23 years, they had won an European trophy, their last triumph being in Wembley on May 29, 1968 when they beat Benefica 4-1 to lift the coveted European Champions' Cup. As a befitting gesture, the manager of that side. Sir Matt Busby, now 82 years old, and members of the victorious team in 1968 were flown by the club to Rotterdam for this special occasion. It was nostalgia time, as ex-internationals Nobby Stiles with his false teeth, the balding Bobby Charlton and a rotund Denis Law, Bill Foulkes, Davis Sadler and Brian Kidd sipped the champagne of triumph with Robson and the 1991 United team at Rotterdam. Only Best was missing. Obviously.

The De Kuip stadium, Rotterdam continues to be a happy hunting ground for English clubs with United keeping up the tradition of English clubs never having lost a European Cup final at Rotherdam. Earlier, at the same venue, Spurs won the European Cup Winners Cup, in 1963, with currently TV commentator Jimmy Greaves scoring twice; Everton won the same trophy here in 1985 beating Rapid Vienna 3-1 and Aston Villa won the Champions' Cup here in 1982 upsetting

mighty Bayern Munich 1-0.

There were many personal triumphs too. Mark Hughes, United's raging bull, branded a 2 million pound flop by Barcelona during his spell in Spain in 1987—88, extracted the sweetest revenge with two decisive goals in the final against the club which said 'he couldu't play'.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, had led Aberdeen to the same piece of silverware in 1983, beating yet another Spanish club, Real Madrid, in the final. Ferguson has thus emulated Cryuff's feat in winning the Cup Winners Cup twice with different clubs. Cryuff claimed it with Ajax (1987) and Barcelona (1989). After his second success, Ferguson said, "I've now experienced this twice in my career. With Aberdeen it was like a fairytale come true. But this is even more special. United have lived upto their glorious past and everybody's expectations. It's a wonderful experience and the players will want to do it again because it's like a drug."

For skipper Bryan Robson it was a fitting finale to a chequered career. Fate was often cruel to him. He missed most of the 1986 and 1990 World Cups due to injury, and then new England manager Graham Taylor considered him surplus for international football. Yet at Rotterdam he was commitment personified and ran himself to the verge of exhaustion. In the twilight of his career he has won a major prize.

But spare a thought for Johan Cryuff and Barcelona, the pre match favourites. They were handicapped by the absence of injured star striker Hristo Stoickov and suspended midfielder Amor. Cryuff made his team play a flexible 3-5-2 formation, hoping to outnumber United's 4-3-3/4-4-2 formation in midfield. Michael Laudrup wandered aimlessly and sensational winger Jon Andoni Goicoechea was curbed by side-backs Denis Irwin and Clayton Blackmore. In spite of the promised bonus of 25,000 pounds per player, Barcelona were less motivated than United whose players got just 5,000 pounds each as a victory bonus. United's discipline, simplicity of the use of the ball, not getting caught ball-watching, support in possession and resolve overcame Barcelona's flair and skill on a wet and windy night at Rotterdam.

### MY LIFE AS A SWAN

He's not as talented as some of his peers around him. In fact, he was an ugly duckling. But now Brad Gilbert is a consistent name in the Top Ten list

When all is said and done, Brad Gilbert's most important contribution to modern tennis will be to remind us that there is more than one way to skin a cat. In an era characterised by teenagers who have taken the fast lane to the Top 10, Gilbert spent nearly a decade wandering the service roads of professional tennis. He floundered as a junior, spent time at three colleges, kicked around the fringes of the men's tour for four years and floated in and out of the Top 20 for four more. When the term "Winning Ugly" came into vogue during the early 1980's, it seemed created for Gilbert's game. He was strictly a supporting character, getting a little better each year, gutting out a win here and there, and playing to opponents' weaknesses while never really exhibiting tangible strengths of his own. But in the summer of 1989, be blossomed with five major tournament wins and a #6 world ranking. Since then he has solidified his foothold in the Top 10, confounding critics who refused to believe he was for real. After living life as an ugly duckling, Brad Gilbert has emerged as a swan. Interviewer Allen Fox, head tennis coach at Pepperdine University and author of If I'm the Better Player, Why Can't I Win?, handled Gilbert at Pepperdine in 1982 and was one of the few believers early in the young man's career. Player and coach renewed acquaintances after the U.S. Open, where all the hoopla surrounding the latest teen phenoms merely underscored the anomalous nature of Brad Gilbert's rise.

There were really no advance notices on Brad Gilbert, You were kind of an

ugly duckling as a junior and your college career was pretty turbulent. Then the tennis world woke up one day and there you were, a swan. Is the observation that you came out of nowhere a fair one?

In a sense I was very good when I was 12 years old—even though I didn't work very hard—probably because I was a good athlete I was ranked #5 or #6 in the 12-and-unders But as it turned out, I thought I was a lot better than I actually was, because things went steadily downhill from there I was kind of small as a teenager and just wasn't playing very well I hovered around #35 for the rest of my junior career

#### Was that a shock?

It was worse than being a has-been It was like being a "never-was-has been" I had professional aspirations as early as 11 or 12 years old, because I



"I wasn't great as a teenager so, of course, all of a sudden people were wondering just how the hell I got so good at my age..."

watched the tournaments and thought that I had a chance to become something. But by the time I was 17, with the way things were going I was completely discouraged

### What was it like when you made the transition to the professional game in 1982?

I really didn't know what to expect I was just excited to be playing for money I felt that, after my last two years at college, I could get out there and win some matches I didn't know where I was going to end up in the rankings, but at least I set high goals for myself

#### How high?

I expected to be Top 50 after my first year and win a Grand Prix tournament

A lot of players would have been satisfied with making the Top 200. I suppose But I did win a tournament, and ended the year ranked #54 So the following year, I set my goals a little higher I wanted to be Top 30, and win a couple more tournaments, maybe even a big tournament But I kind of slipped the second year, lost a few close matches, and dropped to #62 It was actually good for me when I didn't play as well that year, because it forced me to make some adjustments I felt like I was a one-dimensional player And at the end of the year, I realised that if I didn't make some specific improvements, #62 was all I was going to be

### What was the matter?

I was getting better, but that was only going to get me so far. What happens to a lot of guys is that they get stuck around that age. They get used to playing a certain way, and don't want to alter their styles. They want to work on their strengths and not their weaknesses. At Pepperdine, I had been playing a certain way, and for the first time, I was getting used to winning-I enjoyed winning. Anyway, I was 23, and it suddenly struck me that I wasn't going to achieve the level I felt I could, unless I really made fundamental improvements in my game.

#### What specifically?

Learning to serve better, learning to volley, and learning to pressure my opponents by moving toward the net. I have come to understand that there is a great deal of improvement players can make through their twenties, even though there are a lot of guys who think they can't improve once they've hit 21. So 1984 is when I learned to hit my forehand approach. I learned to come in, and I started taking a few more chances on my first serve. The biggest adjustment I made, however, came at the end of the year, when I made a commitment to start working a lot harder. I hired a trainer, Mark Grabo. which turned out to be the smartest thing I've done since I've been in tennis.

### What told you that you needed to work harder?

Well, I was not in good enough shape to where I could gut out tight three-set matches. I was pretty quick, but not as quick as I thought I could be, and certainly I could have been in a lot better shape. Working with Mark has paid off for me tremendously—I've gotten faster and increased my stamina. At school, we used to do drills, but I didn't want to do anything extra. After a couple of years on the tour, I began to realise that these things were costing me money!

You say that half jokingly, but it was just as logical to work hard then. What really made the light go on for you?



I hate losing. I hate losing to guys I feel I should beat. In my first two years as a pro I would keep thinking about college, and how I never lost a match for lack of conditioning. Then, all of a sudden, I was losing matches for that very reason. That's what I

### Brad Gilbert: his story is one of raw guts and tenacity

hated most of all. It was driving me nuts! I must have lost 20 matches in my first two and a half years as a pro because I just wasn't fit enough. I would get



down a break in the third, get a little tired and I just couldn't grind it out. I was losing to guys because they were a little fitter than I was, not because they were better players. It was horrible—so I decided to do something about it.

It paid off. You went to #23 in 1984 and you cracked the Top 20 in 1985. Is that then you started to gain a reputation for "winning ugly"? I always had a never-say-die attitude on the court, but, yes, that's when I earned the label. I never give up on balls I feel that not going all out after everything is a sign of weakness. Even if you don't think a ball is returnable. I maintain that you should still make an attempt. It'll pay off later.

Is that part of your strategy? Are you trying to make your opponent earn everything?

Exactly. Guys know that, going out there, I'm going to work hard and I'm going to hang in there. I'm not going to roll over. I also think guys don't believe that I'm as good as my ranking—I probably surprise a lot of them because I have to work hard to win every match But that's just the way I play Some days I might be serving really well, and I might

win some free points at the net. But generally I have to work hard every day—that's how I've stayed up there, and that's how I plan to stay up there.

When the other guy is Boris Becker, those qualities seem to have given you a distinct advantage over the last few years.

They have. I've beaten him three times on hard court and once on Supreme. On those two surfaces, he serves big and flat, and I return serve well against guys who serve big. I can get in well on Becker's backhand—he doesn't pass that well on the backhand. And then he makes mistakes. Also, I try to get the ball back in play and I make him play extra balls. I don't try to hit the ball as hard against him—I try to float it deep, because he has big swings and he normally likes to trade power with power. So he has to produce the power off a ball with

no pace and, again, he starts

making errors.

That's when I start sneaking in a little bit. Also, Becker doesn't like to serve-and-volley as much on a hard court, because he doesn't do it as well as he does on grass. So if we're playing on hard court and I'm playing well, I should win the match. I can control his power.

Is there a player that you are guilty of underestimating?

Pete Sampras. Everyone had been saying that he could win Grand Slams and do a lot of things down the road, but when I looked at his game I didn't see that. I'd have to say that he has a lot more under the hood than I thought he did. He may not always look like he's doing great things out there, but he doesn't do anything badly.



"After my second year as a pro, I realised that if I didn't make some specific improvements, #62 was all I was going to be." How do you respond to the talk that surfaced in 1990 about Ivan Lendl showing some chinks in his armour and possibly approaching the downside of his career?

To the people saying his reign is over I say never count that guy out. They have no ideas who he really is inside.

#### You do see a difference.

Maybe, I think that, emotionally, he was totally geared up to win Wimbledon this summer, and then he didn't. He had a letdown. When he lost in the first round at a tournament just prior to the Open it looked like perhaps he hadn't been practising—but coming into the Open he was still very dangerous. I still think that if he'd beaten Sampras, he would have won the whole thing.

### Why have you had so much trouble matching up with him?

Lendl was certainly been my Nightmare on Elm Street! He does a lot of the things that I try to do, only he does them better. For instance. I like to come in after returning second serves, but his is a little stronger than most and tends to pin me back. On his first serve my short, crisp returns are not as effective because he is not a serve-and-volley player. Normally, that shot lands at an opponent's feet as he comes to the net. But Lendl, who doesn't come in very often, pounds a groundstroke and then moves in behind it. What's worse is that my best shot plays into his best shot. which is a backhand pass. I've had a couple of opportunities against Lendl where I've been up a break in the third set, but I've never been able to nail it down. If there is a chink in his armour, maybe I'll have a better chance. But I wouldn't write him off for a second. He is one of the most determined tennis players I've seen in my life.

Considering your struggle to get to the Top 10, do you ever wake up in the morning and wonder how it all happened?

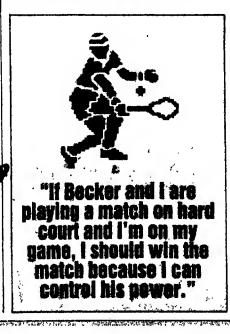
To tell the you the truth, I only



Becker's got one problem: Brad Gilbert

think about the fact that if I improve my game I can get ranked even higher. I don't feel satisfied where I'm ranked. When you get complacent with your results or get complacent with what you have, you don't improve—and that is the key.

Yes, but don't you ever marvel at your own emergence as a tennis star?



I don't know. I never won a Grand Slam, I wasn't great as a teenager, and there wasn't a lot written about me. So, of course, all of a sudden people were wondering how the hell I got so good at my age. I'm a kind of a mystery man—mainly because I've improved so much since I was 25.

What will it take for you to be mentioned in the same breath with a Becker or a Lendl? Can you do it? I'd like to think so, but for right now I've got to win Grand Slam tournaments. Those guys have won big events. Maybe I won't ever be mentioned in the same breath, because they are recognised as great players, and deservedly so.

Does that bother you?

I won't lose any sleep over it. I've gotten a lot of mileage out of my game, and I still feel that there's a lot more I can do. Besides, whatever happens in the next few years—and we all know anything can happen—I have learned that sometimes you have to take a few steps backward to go forward. It's all about making the best of things.

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### The Glory Of Roland Garros

# FRENCH EVO

HE French had dreamed of winning the Davis Cup for so long, that when Rene Lacoste. Cochet, Jacques Brugnon and Jean Borotra snatched it away from the American team in September 1927 on the court of Philadelphia's Germantown Crocket. they were taken completely by surprise. The return match-naturally the Americans had already begun their preparations—was to take place in Paris, and a large turnout was expected. Of that we can be certain, for no other event, except perhaps Wimbledon, was as exciting as the tournament created by Dwight Davis.

The French Tennis Federation did not hesitate an instant: an event of such magnitude deserved to be played in appropriate surroundings. This was France's chance to discover tennis, but alas, none of the existing facilities were large enough. Since 1912 the World Clay Court Championships had been played on court belonging to the Federation in the Saint-Cloud Park at the "Faisanderie". And although quaint, the tiny stadium soon caved in under the weight of the throngs of

spectators who came to see the showdown between "Big" Bill Tilden and the French "Musketeers".

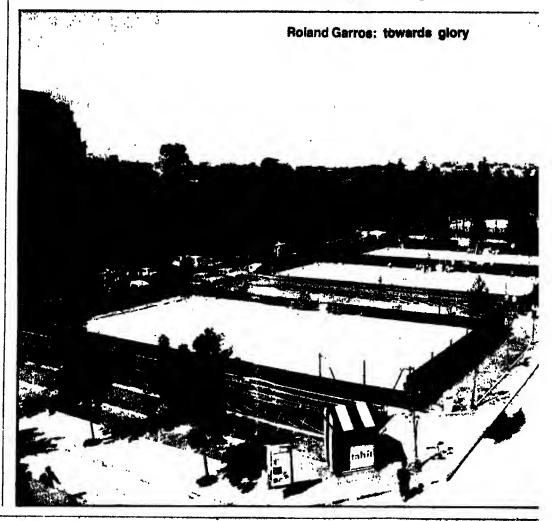
The Davis Cup only intensified the problem, and the Federation had to act fast. A Stade Francais and Racing Club Committee was formed by the presidents of two Paris Clubs: Emile Lesieur, a prestigious rugby player, and Pierre Gillou, the French Davis Cup captain. They were

soon joined by Albert Canet, president of another Parisian club, the Tennis Club de Paris, a man who would soon find himself head of the French Federation.

The city of Paris lent significant financial support, and an area of land near the Porte d'Auteuil belonging to the Stade Francais was designated. The Stadium would bear the name of one of its most illustrious members:

Roland Garros, better known for his rugby exploits but a decent tennis player in his time, who was shot down during aerial combat in October 1918 just five weeks before the Armistice.

The French organizers were far-sighted, and decided to build with "hard" materials: the concrete poured fast, and if there were a few remaining wooden



## LUTION

From Rene Lacoste to Billie Jean King to Steffi Graf the story of Roland Garros is one of vintage glory and timeless charishma. Of heroes and hero-worship...And an engrossing episode of tennis' quiet evolution

stands when the stadium was inaugurated, it was quite simply, because time ran out. It took less than a year to put up Roland Garros, a record often forgotten as we marvel over the efficiency and speed with which Flushing Meadow was completed just a few years ago.

The ladies were the first players to set foot on centre court's red clay in a match that

In 1968, the year of tumult, student unrest, French tennis went 'professional'. Although Paris was paralysed by a general strike, the tennis could not have been more perfect...The tournament's dream final between Rosewall and Laver filled the stands...

pitted the French against the British, which the latter won 8 to 4. Two days later on May 21, 1928, the International French Championships opened with a doubles match. These events marked the beginning of the love story between international tennis and a stadium known for its sense of "the good life" and beautiful, tree-lined walkways.

Roland Garros, one of the musts on the international circuit, has aged gracefully. Or, so it seemed until one day it became c.ear that the stadium was no longer adequate to fill the needs of either the players or the public. The main question was

whether to demolish what already existed and put an ultramodern tennis complex in its place, or simply renovate. The first option would have forced organisers to hold the prestigious event elsewhere for at least a year, if not two, thus running the risk of losing its privilege time slot on the yearly calendar And so, the decision was made to update Roland Garros. Major improvements- from modernizing the locker rooms to enlarging the grandstands - culminated in a veritable architectural gem, a brand new stadium court, Court No. 1. Meanwhile, the French Federation moved its offices and training centre into the stadium itself, now no longer idle several months out of the year. Today, Roland Garros is busy from one end of the year to the other But, with its graceful combination of old and new, its devoted staff, and loyal public, we all anxiously await the two busiest weeks of the season: the French Open.

### Roland Garros' Finest Hours

"IF you were not present. you don't know how splendid French tennis really was". This statement tells us to what extent Roland Garros was caught up in the rhythm of the exploits of the French "Musketeers", the men for whom the stadium was built. France's heroes were neither worn out nor ungrateful,

Henri Cochet
triumphed in the first
tournament,
dominating in
succession Jean Borotra
and Rene Lacoste The
even years (1928, 1930
and 1932) belonged to
Henri Cochet, the odd
years to countrymen
Lacoste (in 1929) and
Borotra (1931) who beat
Christian Boussus.

1932 marked the end of French domination on the courts. But it was also the year a bothersome fellow claiming to be Dwight Davis was refused entry at the gates of Roland Garros. There was only one problem... he turned out to be Davis himself.

And, so it was "goodbye" to the Davis Cup and "goodbye" to French victories on the home court. Indeed, it was "welcome" Jack Crawford, the Australian gentleman in flannel pants and a long—sleeved—shirt who served with an odd triangular racket.

1934 and 1936 belonged to the Baron Gottfried Von Cramm, a young German aristocrat whose elegance concealed extraordinary physical fitness

1936 saw the emergence of England's Fred Perry whose lethal forehand proved the downfall of the French Davis Cup team But these victories are pale in comparison to the exploits of American Don Budge author of a Grand Slam that kicked of with his easy win at Roland Garros Legend has it that on the eve of the finals, the famous cellist Pablo Casals gave him a private two hour concert The grant red-head did not have a chance to

At the age of seventeen Steffi Graf seemed to disregard history and its traditions. She was certainly unperturbed to break up the Evert-Navratilova dialogue and may have done so for good...

repeat his feat he

turned professional and alas, World War II interrupted all play

### The wonderful artists

"artists" First,
there is the Italian
Nicola Pietrangeli
whose
style of tennis was both
passionate and
theatrical Then there is
the Spaniard Manolo

ET's talk about the

Santana (1961 and 1963) whose varied game prevented Pietrangeli from taking the title three times in a row

Those were no tears from Rod Laver whose 1962 triumph at Roland Garros marked the first leg of his first grand slam However, there were a few anxious moments, fellow Aussie Martin Mulligan had Laver match point, but let it slip away Roy Emerson, another Australian with steel nerves like Laver, set his own record in doubles. willning the championship six years in a row (1960-65) With two more Australians taking titles in 1965 (Fred Stolle) and 1966 (Tony Roche), the French International Championships were dominated by a band of players all poured from the same mould

In 1968, the year of tumult student unrest, French terms went professional' Although Paris was paralysed by a general strike, the tennis could not have been more perfect The tournament s dream final between Rosewall and Laver filled the stands Rosewall's performance fifteen years after his first appearance at Roland Garros, was better than ever, he pressured his opponent from the start. and took the title. The scenario was reversed the following year as Laver began his second grand slam

Tennis, alas, began to experience division from within, and the professional players under contract with Lamar Hunt skipped the Paris event. The absence of many top pros opened the way for Jan Kodes, winner in 1970 and 1971 and then for the Spanish Gimeno who in

1972 conquered Patrick Proisy in the final In 1973, the Rumanian magician Ilie Nastase took the title without dropping a single set

### The Borg times

WELL, this is it until the appearance of Bjorn Borg, the precocious Swede who dominated the tournament from 1974 to 1981. It seemed that whenever he played, he won (1974, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, and 1981). In 1977 Borg bypassed Roland Garros, leaving the way clear for Guillermo
Vilas, again a finalist in
1982, and in 1976, he
fell in the quarter finals
to Adriano Panatta after
a memorable match
against Francois
Jauffret the previous
round Roland Garros
misses Borg

In 1984 Ivan Lendl, who was runner-up for the title in a grand slam tournament for the fifth time in his career could see his name written on the prize-list after a superb turn around in his match against the American world champion John McEnroe Twelve



months later, as he was experiencing a more offensive playing style, Wilander dominated Lendl and won in Paris for the second time. But a splendid American campaign led Lendl to the world championship. He ruled the 1986 tournament and only conceded one round. He showed unfailingly his preponderance over the Swedish discovery Pernfors.

In 1987 his march to a third title was significantly more insidious. Throughout an extremely tense final Mats Wilander presented Lendl with some serious problems In spite of this Lendl managed to win in four sets.

A third title in Paris is also the conquest achieved by Mats Wilander at the conclusion of a tournament, notable for the elimination of Ivan Lendl in the quarter-finals (by the Swede Jonas Svensson) and by the revelation of Andre Agassi, semi-finalist and the public's favourite.

French Henri Leconte failed in his final, his first final at Roland Garros and also in a Grand Slain tournament.

On the other hand, Michael Chang let nothing escape him in 1989 and his triumph, which is also one for the precocity of the tournament, signals perhaps the beginning of another era. In any case, Stefan Edberg's presence in the final was a reassurance for lovers of offensive tennis. In 1990, to everyone's surprise including no



doubt his own, the thirty-year—old Equatorian Andres Gomez reversed the youthful tendency and used his intelligent game to upset Andre Agassi, who was also participating in his first Grand Slam final

### ... and the ladies

UNLIKE the British. Parisian tennis fans have shown less interest in women's tennis. Clearly, they are misguided for the ladies put on a show of excellence and elegance worthy of a detour to the Porte d'Auteuil. Nevertheless, the less misogynist of the French public recall with great delight the exciting moments of women's tennis at Roland Garros. But the public's attitude had begun to change.

We have only one regret: the great Suzanne Lenglen had already given up amateur play when the stadium was built, for Roland Garros is a

tennis facility where both her game and reputation would have flourished The "Divine" Lenglen's successor Helen Wills scored an easy victory in her first tournament, "Poker Face", as she was dubbed by the press because she rarely smiled, had a perfect game, and was happy to throw crumbs to her opponents. She repeated her stellar performance in 1929. 1930 and 1932

Soon after Helen Wills (now Moody) retired, a fresh face appeared, the young French girl Simone Mathieu Although her performances were less than spectacular: losing five finals betwen 1932 and 1937 her perseverance paid off with victories in 1938 and 1939. Mathieu returned to Roland Garros September 17. 1944...as referee of the tournament's opening match between Henri Cochet and Yvon Petra. She proudly wore her captain of the French Free Forces uniform.

just one example of the originality and spirit of the great lady who had carried off the Junior girls title as a married woman so many years earlier.



WITH the emergence of the Australian Margaret Smith Court, women's tennis began producing "athletes" As the second woman to complete a grand slam, she scored five victories at Roland Garros (1962, 1964, 1969, 1970 and 1973) over a period of 12 years, with enough time in between to become a mother.

The year 1967 provided excitement and surprise with the unexpected triumph of Francoise Durr, the last Frenchwoman to take the title. She was tenacious, courageous, and never gave up the fight. The spectators at the Porte d'Auteuil held their breath as she fell behind in the final 4.2

and 30-love in the third set against the Australian Lesley Turner. But, Durr fought back brillantly, and tossed her racket high into the air scoring the last point. Although Maria-Esther Bueno never captured the French title and Evonne Goolagong counts only one successful "Spring in Paris", the French public was charmed by the passion and elegance of their games.

The following year the public made the acquaintance of the player who has done the most to promote women's tennis: Billie-Jean King. The reaction: admiration. King posted a victory over Evonne Goolagong by changing her aggressive serve and volley game and practising "patience", the key to winning on clay.

"Patience" could be Chris Evert's middle name After losing to Margaret Court in 1973. Chris came back to totally dominate the women's event

Whenever she travelled to Paris, she was victorious (1974. 1975, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1985, 1986). Her absence made room for talented, but somewhat temporary champions. Sue Barker in 1976, Mima Jausovec in 1977. Virginia Ruzici in 1978. With three consecutive exceptions--and exceptions don't always confirm the rule—her loss in 1981 to the eventual winner Hana Mandlikova, a young Czech playing perfect tennis, and to Andrea Jaeger in 1982. In 1984, as in 1982, Martina



Bjorn Borg with the trophy: invincible

Navratilova won the title. In 1982, it was her first victory on clay in Paris, in 1984 it was the last leg of a new formula grand slam which began at Wimbledon in 1983.

In 1985, in her thirties, she was able to take her revenge against Martina, in a wonderful game. This victory honoured women's tennis, and also gave to Chris Evert the Roland Garros absolute victories record 6 titles: more than the famous Australian woman Margaret Smith-Court.

And immediately

after, she raised this record to 7 titles (better than Borg) by dominating in 1986, for the thirty-third time out of sixty-nine of their duo performance, a classic of modern tennis.

### The Graf era

At the age of seventeen Steffi Graf seemed to disregard history and its traditions. She was certainly unperturbed to break up the Evert-Navratilova dialogue and many have done so for good. And in spite of being close to defeat at the hands of Gabriela Sabatini in the semis and Martina Navratilova in the final Graf carried off the first Grand Slam tournament title of her career long before anyone would have expected.

One year later, it had almost become a habit for her. She did not have to worry about Martina Navratilova or Chris Evert any more, both of them being eliminated earlier than usual. Her rıval, Gabriela Sabatini presented no real problems for her in the final, and even less so did the Soviet Natalia Zvereva. This second consecutive title resulted also in Steffi Graf, already victorious in Australia, finding herself half-way to her first Grand Slam.

She seemed to have got off on the right foot in 1989, in spite of attacks from the very young Monica Seles. Therefore, it was an even greater surprise to see her give in to the impetuousness of the Spanish girl Arantxa Sanchez. Arantxa was fearless, her hand didn't tremble at the decisive moment and, in passing, she stole from the demoralized idol the record as the youngest ladies winner in the history of Roland Garros.

The record for precocity did not last long. In the 1990 tournament it was beaten by Monica Seles, who captured the title at the age of sixteen and a half. The latest victim of her two-handed game was none other than Steffi Graf, who thus lost her second consecutive Roland Garros final.

If the very intensely. The team's flowing to on the driver; that is very streaght. My life goes by in seconds when I'm driving, and I do so much in that short period of time. Winning is done thousands of kilometres away from the race track.

ARYTON SENNA on life on the fast track.

WE'LL do our separate things. But we do the same thing on the track. We'll run against each other.
BEN JOHNSON is of the opinion that he would never talk to Carl Lewis even if they ran together.

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MANSELL on Aryton Senna after the latter's fourth consecutive Grand Prix win this season.

Mansell was referring to Senna's state of the art McLaren Honda.

ididn't think the change from inumber two to number one would be so great. It is difficult because all this is so new to me. It's hard to say no to all those interesting offers. It is not easy to have people around all the time watching you and wanting to take your picture. I also have my bed days and then it can be tough.

MONICA SELES, the empress of women's tennis starts to feel the pressure of being on top.

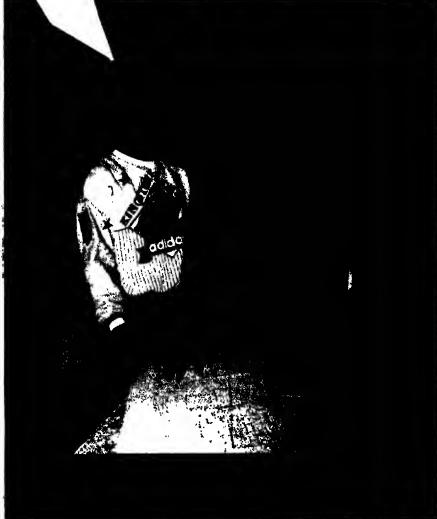


When you mishit every
Wother bell, you start to lose
self motivation. I'm still finding it
difficult to switch to clay.
LENDL, the perfectionist, after
losing to world no. 61 Renzo
Furlan at the German Open.

CLEARLY he now has to be considered a batemen who can bowl, but he first has to prove that he can do that job for Worcestershire. But if his recent form is a measure of new determination to concentrate, of real desire, that is good news. TED DEXTER does not rule out the possibility of Botham making it back permanently to the England team.

OLIR guys were magnificent against Australia, especially after they had been called his-beens and pensioners. I am ready to stake my claim for being the winner here again.

VIV RICHARDS in London before the start of the three month tour against England.



# JIMMY CONNORS BJORN BORG JOHN MCENROE

Borg, Connors and McEnroe, once the world's greatest players, should realise that it is no longer their time

HF roadwarrior came first Mouth flecked with spit, knuckles raw, stomach full of guts, a grunt sack and a grotesque manner at times JIMBO!

The machine came next Hunched over, eyes seeing nothing face betraying nothing, racket doing everything Ice, ice, baby BORG The kid came last Boy-in-the-corner-sullen-look, a streetwalker's

vocabulary, but with hands kissed by an angel MAC!

Oh, what a time it was

Though perhaps not of innocence, but more of malevolence

Connors telling Mac, 'You're more badly behaved than my 5 year old son Brett"

Mac responding by putting Connors over his knee and spanking him one, one and two at Wimbledon 1984

Connors always the good loser, being whipped by Vilas at the 1977 US Open, and storming out, chanting obscenities, wagging his finger at anyone daring to approach him

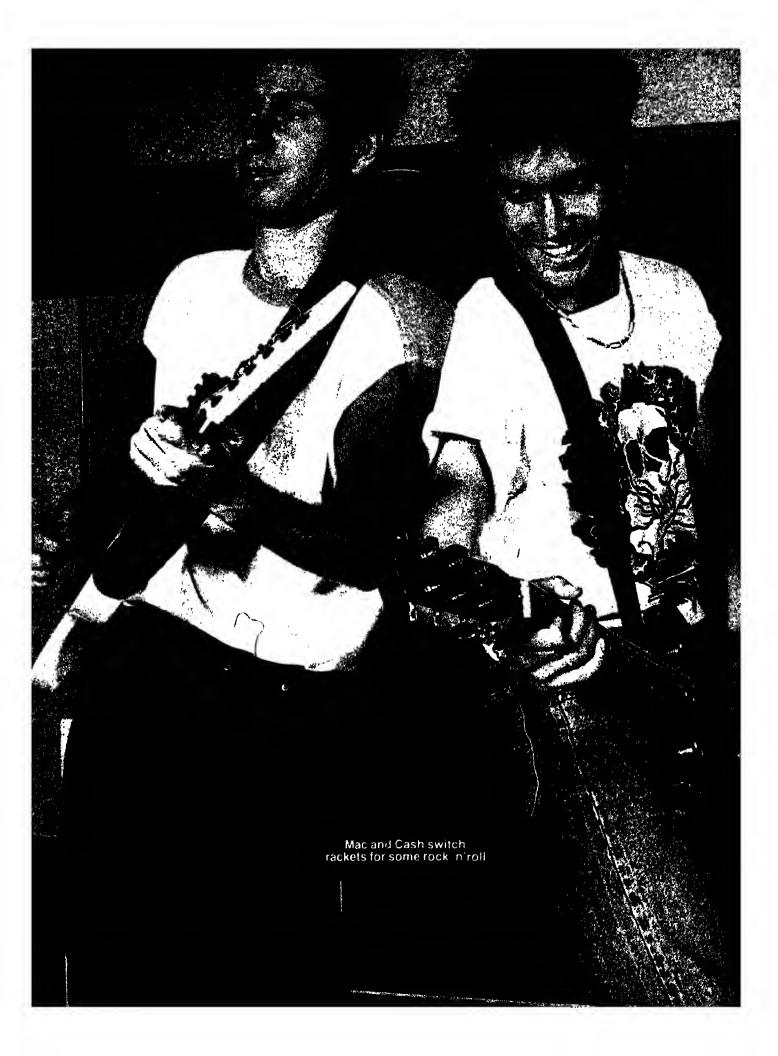
Next year when Connors slams Borg at the Open and when the press

BY ROHIT BRIJNATH



The roadwarrior, mouth flecked with spit, came first. JIMBO. The machine, face betraying nothing, came next. BORG. The kid, with a streetwalker's vocabulary came last. MAC











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points at the Swede's blistered thumb, the Yank is now a good winner. He snarls, "If he has a sore thumb and wins he's superman, and if he loses it's OK because he has an excuse".

Mac telling the wife of the Queens Club Chairman to "f...off" although she had booked the court but he wanted to continue practising.

"I'll follow that sunuvabitch across the world," was Connors' polite way of referring to Borg's dominance.

Mac, man of extremeties, proferring at Wimbledon 1981, tennis at its best, behaviour at its worst.

Whatever, between them they won 251 titles, 26 of them at Grand Slams. Just at the Open and Wimbledon they played each other 20 times in total, each time lighting the court with the clean, white flame of their talent.

They were surfers, riding the crest of a wave that for most men are dreams. Jimmy fighting the water; Bjorn riding it fine; John creating new moves. To continue the analogy, when the wave eventually hit the shore they should have walked home. Borg tried it for eight years, Mac for six months here and there, Connors when injured. Yet now, a decade removed from their time, like old beach boys they're still trying to play the game.

Connors is 38, Borg is 34, McEnroe is 32.

Sampras is 19, Ivanisevic is 19, Agassi is 21.

This is no longer good-to-see -the-old- guys-around time. This is a sick joke.

JIMBO the road warrior needs oxygen between games. BORG finds no-one makes spare parts for his machinery anymore. And the angels no longer have time for MAC.

Somewhere these men have forgotten about time. About pride. There is nothing left to be done, to be proved, and if there is, they scarcely have the means to do it. Jimmy says he loves the game, but Jimmy never liked losing and that is all he does now. Can such men, for whom defeat ten years ago was a shock to the system, now make such compromises? Mac says he is 'disgusted' with himself, and does he wait for us to be disgusted with him?

Each time they play. they strip a piece away from what they were. We do not need them to see flashes of skill for we have Becker & Edberg & Agassi & Chang & Sampras & Ivanisevic & Santoro & Lendl...There is more pity now than pleasure. To see Borg now is to disbelieve that he once played with the Gods.

What then can they do now? They can band together—Borg, Connors and McEnroe—and undertake a 12 month exhibition tour of the world. They could call it 'The Last Waltz'. People would like to see them play each other this one last time. They could be charming and dazzling and glorious and remind us of what a time it was. And then they should quit. Before we remember what a time it is. •

The Results Of The

# EYE SPY QUIZ

We thought that the response to the Hot Legs Quiz in February was spectacular. But that was nothing compared to the deluge which overwhelmed us for this Quiz. Over 3000 entries from all over India. And what was most surprising was that there were over 750 All-Correct entries. A lottery was done (see Freewheeling) and . . .

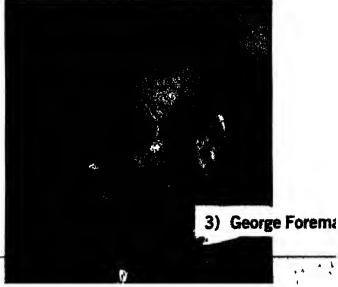


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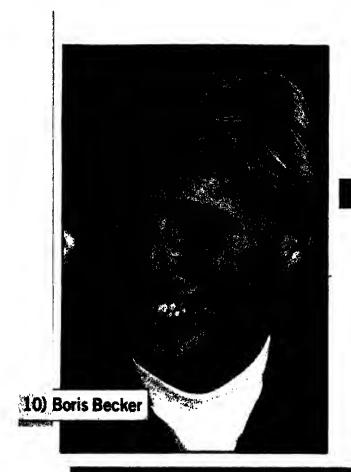
PAUSHIKA GHOSH from Rehagiri, Assam

1) Ashwini Nachappa













12) Monica Seles

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# THE BIG CHILL

Paul Gascoigne's plans for glory have been put on hold. Meanwhile, he stands to lose not just a lot of soccer, but also a quick chance to become a multi-millionaire

NGLAND is in mourning Folk hero, Paul Gascoigne after an operation for damaged cruciate ligaments in his right knee, has to re-think his immediate footballing future.

Considered the most popular man in the British Isles, more popular than film stars or pop stars, Eric Clapton, Paul Macartney or guitarist Jeff Beck, Gazza committed professional suicide at Wembley Stadium within a span of 16 minutes

of recklessness at the F.A. Cup Final. In doing so, the errant genius jeopardised his own and his club Spurs' future and proceeded to set a nation in mourning.

In England, Gazza could do no wrong. Before the F.A. Cup Final, in the official brochure, he received glowing praise, "had we ever seen a footballer who combined so much touch with so much bulldog spirit, who was so willing to live every moment, to care so intensely, so crazily about winning?" Yet his performance in the final, hyped as 'Gazza's Final' was like a hyperactive, spoilt child Referee Roger Milford was hesitant to caution him or show him the yellow card, for a gruesome opening minute chest high lunge at a Forest midfielder, Garry Parker and an unforgiveable lashing kick at overlapping right back. Gary Charles

Milford attributed the first lapse to over-cnthusiasm. Experts maintain that if Gazza had been cautioned in the opening minutes instead of being rewarded by an indulgent smile by

referee Milford, he might have avoided the Thai boxing style tackle on Charles.

Even the over admiring British Press, chastised Gazza for his behaviour. Michael Calvin of the Daily Telegraph said, "it was immature, intolerant, irresponsible to the point of self destruction." Many, however, agreed that Gazza's performance encapsulated the faults which remain unchecked when a sportsman of his nature is surrounded by apologists and hangers on. Seasoned journalist Brian Glanville said, "with such a temperament, Gazza would have played only one in three games in Italy. He would have been constantly cautioned and upset by opponents needling him. Gazza needs a father figure and it would have been best, if he had gone to Marseilles where his friend and advisor Chris Waddle could have guided him."

Lying in his £230 (Rs. 8,000 approx) per night room at the Princess Grace hospital, Gazza must have been contemplating his losses and his immediate future. Spurs' physiotherapist, John Sheridan feels that Gazza cannot play till 1992. When out of hospital, he will be in crutches, then walk with a knee brace and it will be months before he can even kick a ball. The injury is considered serious for a player like Gascoigne, who relies on swiftness of movement

and mobility of feet. That in a nutshell is his professional loss.

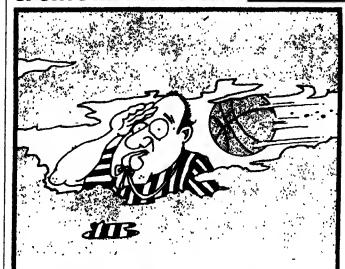
What are Gazza's financial losses? The proposed £7.9 million transfer to Lazio, Rome has been temporarily shelved. Gazza stands to lose about £1.1 million in annual earnings. After tax deductions, his earnings from Lazio would have been about half a million pounds. If he played in Italy, sponsorship and endorsements would have fetched him another half a million pounds and add another £100,000 in bonuses. So for Gazza it is a case of so near and yet so far from being a multi-millionaire.

Personally, Gascoigne faces a long and arduous fight for fitness. Medical evidence reveals that players like Scottish World Cuppers. Craig Levin and Ian Durrant who underwent similar injuries, were out of the gaine for nearly two years before staging a comeback due to their resilient charcter. Can Gazza stage a comeback? Many in the British Isles are keeping their fingers crossed. We are living in an age of flawed or inconsistent heroes. Or is it the pressure of big bucks coupled with heavy media blitz? Oh for the happy days of Pele. Garrincha and George Best, not so very long ago.

Novy Kapadia, London

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OF THE WEATHER. NEW KENSINGTON (PA) HIGH
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ACTUALLY ROLLED INTO THE GYMNASIUM! WHEN IT GOT SO BAD THAT NEITHER THE PLAYERS NOR THE REFS COULD POLLOW THE BALL, THE GAME WAS CALLED OFF.



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**MILESTONES** 

TO MEET: Ben Johnson and Carl Lewis, on 1 July at an athletics Grand Prix in France. This will be the first meeting after the '88 Olympics. DECIDED: By the IOA to hold the first Afro-Asian Games in New Delhi early next year. **RETURNS:** George Foreman to the boxing ring. But this time as a TV analyst for the cable TV network HBO.

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**REGAINED:** By Hector 'Macho' Camacho the WBO welterweight championship. He defeated Greg Hangen in the rematch on a split decision that went in his favour. **RECOVERING:** World marathon record holder, Rosa Mota from a surgery to remove an abdominal cyst. TO PLAY: Brazilian striker, Zico, for a Japanese second



division club. He was signed for a reported fee of 2.5 million dollars. WON: By Steffi Graf the German Open Tennis championship. She defeated Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 in the finals. WON: By Emilio Sanchez of Spain, the Italian Open. He defeated Alberto Mancini of Argentina in the finals for his first major title.

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### MAILBAG

### Sad Story

FTER reading the Freewheeling in the issue dated 1—7 May'91, one couldn't but help feel sad about Sanjivan Mondal. It is a sorry plight that a swimmer of his talent has to struggle to make ends meet. It is only in our country that talent is not given its due, specially talent in the sports field.

It is certainly very disheartening to hear that the State government has not done anything to improve his plight. It is high time something was done to improve the plight of the three time winner of the world's longest swimming race

SUBHAMOY MAZUMDAR,
Murshidabad.

### Heartening

THE performance of A.W. Zaidi has removed all doubts about the MRF Pace Foundation and its inability to produce bowlers of good calibre India at this stage does need some new blood in its bowling lineup. Here's wishing that Zaidi gets a chance to prove his mettle and lead India on to greater heights.

We would also like a detailed report on the Frank Tyson bowling camp. DINESH, Bhopal.





### Congratulations

CONGRATS to Kapil Dev and his men for winning the Ranji Trophy for the first time. Kapil once again laid to rest any doubts about his form and accusations that he was past his prime. His presence on the field itself was a great morale booster for his teammates and to reinforce that was his superb performance. Keep up the good work Kapil. PRABAL GUHA. Dibrugarh.

### Gladdening =

T is indeed gladdening that India is in the reckoning in tennis. By winning against Korea in the Davis Cup, India now has the prospect of moving into the world group. Leander Paes and Ramesh Krishnan played superbly and if it wasn't for them we never could have dreamt of getting into the world group Leander does have to polish up his game a bit but then he can surely bring India a lot of accolades in the future. Here's wishing the Indian team all the best for their oncoming series against Brazil. Though it is a tough round we should be able to outclass them. SRINIVAS NYAPATHY, Rajahmundry.

### Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to sprint Uqueen P.T. Usha on her marriage. Best wishes to the newly wed couple. We hope that she takes up coaching and produces some champions in her own mould.

S. CHOWDHURY,
K. SIVAPRASAD,
Mazagon Dock.

### Interesting

THE article Shame And Scandal ■ (24—30 April) made interesting reading. It is true but strange that the tennis players inspite of their high profile lifestyle manage to keep their private lives under wraps. And even more amazing is the fact that writers even though they know about the lives of the players do not write anything about the personal aspects. Maybe writers of other sports should take a lesson or two from their tennis counterparts and devote more time to write about their sport than indulge in frivolous gossip about the stars. It would only be too nice if yellow journalism was kept away from all sports. JITU CHANGMAI.

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General Accident 1.000
Guineas at Newmarket
on Thursday, May 2,
1991

Shadayid (6-4 on), who went to post the shortest-priced favourite for the first fillies' classic in 28 years, lived up to her glowing reputation

Shadayid did not find more acceleration, but maybe I should temper my disappointment because she runs like a filly who will get farther."

Just how much farther, is the 64,000-dollar question.

Shadayid had not even been unsaddled when Dunlop and owner Hamdan Al-Maktoum were quizzed as to whether Shadayid would attempt to emulate Salsabil, who landed this classic for the same team 12 months ago and went on

The overdrive might have been missing, but the brilliant Shadayid still had sufficient gears in hand to produce a classic-winning performance

when stretching her unbeaten run to five with another polished and thoroughly professional display.

Perhaps her Jockey
Willie Carson, was
expecting too much.
But, though Shadayid
lengthened up well to
win by two lengths and a
length from Kooyonga
and Crystal Gazing, the
48-year-old five-times
champion, celebrating
his 16th British Classic
victory, was strangely
subdued

Carson, who came out on top with Lester Piggott in a battle of the grandfathers, admitted: "I was surprised to win both the Oaks and Irish Derby.

Carson said: "I think it is very possible Shadayid will get ten furlongs—I am less sure about the mile and a half."

But Carson stressed he had similar reservations about Salsabil 12 months ago and, significantly, Sheikh Hamdan, who is very much his own man, chipped in: "Don't rule her out of the Oaks."

On breeding there
must be grave doubts
about Shadayid staying
the Oaks distance. But
as Dunlop observed, her
Sire Shadeed although a

Willie Carson smiling after winning the first

Willie Carson smiling after winning the first Classic of the season last year on Salsabil. This year he carried the same colours to victory on Shadayid

Guineas winner, had a mile-and-a-half pedigree, and the dam, Desirable, was placed in the ten-furlong Nassau Stakes at Goodwood.

Carson, who had never been placed in the 1,000 Guineas until Salsabil won last year, Piggott in what was termed.....

### GRANDFATHERS



said: "Salsabil was a much more relaxed filly than Shadayid, and it remains to be seen how the grey will react to a parade on a hot day." Shadayid never stood

Birth Harry & Brainer

still in the preliminaries, jig-jogging around the paddock, but remaining cool throughout.

Even going to post her suspect temperament

stood up remarkably well, and Carson's only moment of concern occurred when John Reid joined him on Tetradonna, causing Shadayid to think twice

about whether to "take off."

But Carson's expertise kept the favourite calm and she went into the stalls sweetly.

Gently Aria,

### 2,000 GUINEAS

### No Mistake By Mystiko

YSTIKO, a grey son of Secreto, who won the Derby back in 1984 kept the cause of the greys flying high when he won the General Accident 2000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday May 4. Trained by Clive Brittain and ridden by Michael Roberts, Mystiko won an absolute thriller just holding on from the Steve Cauthen mount Lycius.

Owned by one of England's most famous owners, Lady Beaverbrooke, Mystiko who sported the famous beaver brown and maple leaf green colours is now set to have a bash at the Derby on the first Wednesday of June. If he does pull it off he wil

be emulating his sire Secreto.

This was Clive Brittain's third classic triumph following Julio Mariner and Pebbles and his popularity is matched by that of his jockey Michael Roberts, 36-year-old and 11 times champion in South Africa. For him this was his first British Classic victory. Time was when Brittain's Derby contenders were automatically made favourite to run last. Now he has Mystiko who could well start favourite to win the Derby.

Roberts certainly believes Mystiko is capable of lifting the world's greatest flat race and, while the grey's style of racing prompts the inevitable stamina doubts,

the amiable Springbok does not see it that way.

He said, "I see no reason why Mystiko should not stay. He switches off so well that he'd get two miles, let alone the mile and a half and, while the Derby is always a tough race, I told Clive before the Guineas that he was made for Epsom.

"I would not be afraid of making all there, but Mystiko will be even more effective

if we can sit third or fourth.

"He bounces off fast ground and, if we get the right underfoot conditions at Epsom, I can see him scooting round the bends.

"He's got everything and, while Mtoto will always be very special to me, this is also

an extremely high class horse."

Roberts, who won two Eclipses and a King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes on Mtoto has never lost faith in Mystiko even when the colt's temperament threatened to get the better of him.

Cyrus J. Madan

Jockey Roberts certainly believes Mystiko is capable of lifting the world's greatest flat race and, while the grey's style of racing prompts the inevitable stamina doubts

Tetradonna and
Miranda Jay duelled for
the early lead as Carson
settled Shadayid
towards the rear, with
French raider Once In
My Life plum last.

Cartrey had missed the break and mct more problems when trying to get in a blow three furlongs out, where Richard Quinn changed lanes on Lee Artise and gave Shadayid a bump in the process.

Cloche D'Or and Only Yours disputed the lead passing the Bushes but, as Carson observed later, Shadayid's stride took her up to the leaders and she closed up pulling double.

Piggott, however, was going equally well on Irish Challenger Kooyonga and meeting the rising ground, the gloves came off.

Kooyonga and Only Yours were on either side, but Carson popped the question to Shadayid and, while the answer was not produced instantly, it always looked as if she would come up with the goods.

The acceleration was not explosive, but inside the final furlongs Shadayid produced her finishing kick and in six strides she left the other two for dead.

Dunlop said:
"Shadayid is a lovely

filly, but she stretches and lengthens rather than accelerates instantly. It took her a stride or two to find top gear, but whereas Salsabil was flat out to win last year, she has scored by two lengths, so we've got to be delighted."

Carson, who describes Shadayid as a "hyper-active filly," confessed that for a split second he thought Bruce Raymond had him beaten on Only Yours. But Carson added: "Then she met the rising ground and off she went."

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# READERS' QUIZ

### **QUESTIONS**

- What revolutionary development marked the Olympic Games of 1912?
- 2. What is meant by the sports slang catching a crab?
- 3. Which Indian spinner was named 'Fergie'?
- Harald
  Schumacher's book created quite a flutter and even resulted in the German goalkeeper's being banned from playing for his country. Name the infamous book.
- 5. Which cricketer is nicknamed 'Big Dog'?
- 6. Who was the youngest tennis player ever to make his debut in the Davis Cup?

7. Which touring reserve wicketkeeper with no record outside India as a bowler. opened the innings in a Test match?

8. Whose autobiograph-

y is titled 'Child of Change'?

9. In the first unofficial Test series against Sri Lanka (1974) only one Indian cricketer got a ton. But ironically, he never played an official Test thereafter. Who is he?

- 10. Who said: born ugly you'd never have heard of Pele".
- 11. What does mean in gymnastics?
- Who was the first Indian badminton player to reach the final of the All-England championship?
- 13. In which Olympics did the Olympic torch first travel by air?
- 14. Which was the first country to bring out a postage stamp to commemorate Olympic hockey?
- 15. "Connors is the last true tennis dinosaur."

### **ANSWERS**

- 1. It was the first time that females competed
- 2. To miss an oar stroke in rowing
- 3. Subhas Gupte
- 4. Kick-Off
- 5. Peter Pollock (South Africa)
- 6. Haroon Rahim (Pakistan)
- 7. B.K. Kunderan opened the bowling for his side at Birmingham on July 13 1967
- 8. Garry Kasparov
- Gopal Bose, he scored 104 in the first Test at Colombo
- 10. George Best
- 11. A back handspring
- 12. Vijay Madgavkar
- 13. 1956 Melbourne Olympics
- 14. Japan
- 15. John McEnroe

### THIS QUIZ HAS BEEN COMPILED BY

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goes that
when
Belgian-born
Pat Van Den
Hauwe was
picked for Wales for the
first time while an
Everton defender, he
travelled to their team
hotel and was greeted by
one of their wingers

"Very...pleased...to meet...you," said the winger, slowly, making sure the "foreigner" with the very foreign name understood what he was saying. To which Van Den Hauwe replied, in a strong London accent. "Leave it out!" Born in Belgium he may have been, but he had been brought up from childhood in London.

When Wales recently announced their squad for a friendly match against leeland it included the Norwich City midfielder Jeremy Goss; but had to exclude the Crystal Palace centre-back, Eric Young, who was injured

These two are about as Welsh as Van Den Hauwe. Young was born in Singapore, Goss in Cyprus. Both qualified because they are the holders of a British passport and can play for whom they please. The words Goss used about his call up were "a total shock".

Strange that Wales, of all countries, should be exploiting the bizarre international qualifying rules in this way.

For generations, Welsh football was famous for its passion and resilience, for the way that a Welsh footballer, even if he were a mere Third Division player in the English League, could

pull on the famous red jersey and become a hero for an afternoon, a man transformed.

Ted Robbins, for long the secretary of the Welsh FA, the true father of Welsh football, and their virtual manager-selector—though never named as such—exploited such patriotism to the full. "Get your knees under the table!" he would say. "I'll be your daddy!"

English clubs were entitled to refuse to

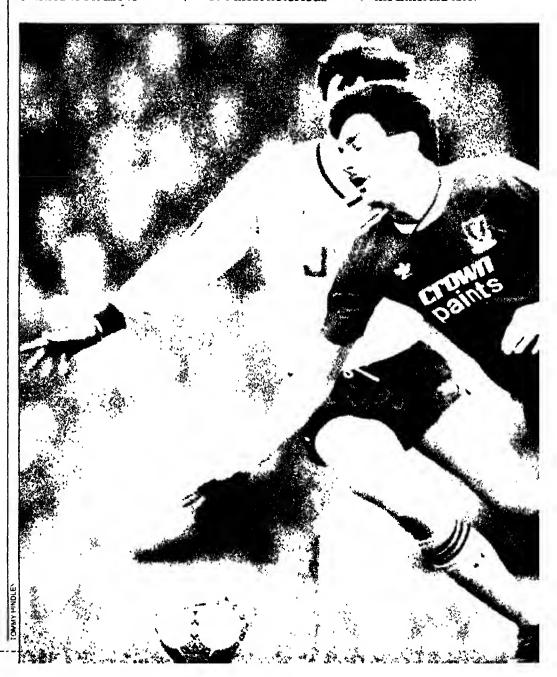
release players. He simply took whoever was available, sometimes from clubs outside the League, and still got good results.

Still, Wales's manoeuvres are almost trivial compared with those of the Republic of Ireland, another country renowned for its intense patriotism, yet one is now quite ready to deem players Irish on the slimmest possible excuse.

The most notorious

recent example was
Michael Robinson, a
centre-forward who
played for many clubs,
among them Liverpool
and Spain's Osasuna,
and who "qualified" for
Ireland on the strength
of a grandmother. He, in
fact, comes from
Lancashire.

The present Irish team, managed by Englishman Jackie Charlton, would be a strange sight without its players born outside the Emerald Isle.



Ireland, who did so wonderfully well in the last World Cup, the last European

Championship, and seem set to do as much again, once would have scorned choosing any player not born in the country. But now?

Paul McGrath, who played such a superb game in midfield against England at Wembley last March, was born in Ealing, west London, though he was brought up in Ireland.

David O'Leary, the cool, veteran centre-half, so long a bulwark of Arsenal's defence, was born in London, though he was brought up in Dublin from an early age and certainly for all intents and practical purposes is Irish.

Another star of that drawn match against England, Ray Houghton, is a Glaswegian with the accent to prove it; but he is of Irish descent. Millwall's sturdy defender Mick McCarthy is a Yorkshireman, born in Barnsley, and developed by his local club.

John Aldridge, one of the strikers, is a Liverpudlian. Tony Cascarino, another, comes from Kent and has an Italian father and an Irish mother.

Kevin Sheedy, the Everton winger with the devastating left foot, scorer of Ireland's equaliser against The changing of the qualification laws, some years ago, to allow ancestry to be decisive, is chiefly responsible for many of these paradoxes.

Against that, those laws have been tightened to prevent still greater abuses—such as the ability of players to represent more than one country in their careers.

The Italians were the most notorious offenders, using South

# ON DUAL NATIONALITY



By Brian Glanville

England in Cagliari last year in the World Cup, was born in Wales at Builth Wells.

The farce is underlined by the case of Roy Wegerle, Queen's Park Rangers' gifted South African striker, who wants to play for the United States in the next World Cup.

His wife is an American, he lived for a number of years and played football in Florida, but does not fulfil the requirements to gain American nationality, partly, he says, because he does not live there for long enough periods. England, at one point last season, were interested in him, too.

American players to win pre-War World Cups, on the grounds that they were of Italian descent and had double nationality.

This went on as late as the 1962 World Cup in Chile when Argentinians like Sivori and Maschio wore the Italian jersey. Spain in that World Cup deployed Ferenc Puskas, former star of a great Hungarian team, and had the Argentine international Alfredo Di Stefano in their party.

Things, then, could now be worse. But the rules surely need examining—and tightening once more.

John Aldridge: has an italian father and a irish mother



#### **PRAY FOR BECKER**

HERE is a possibility that Boris Becker might not play the French Open. Becker, who is yet to utilise the services of his new coach. Smid, is at present in Munich where he is being treated for a back problem which made him withdraw from the Italian Open.

Explaining the problem Becker said, "My back gets tight everytime I try to serve and it gets worse. After half an hour I can't use my muscles anymore." The trouble stemmed from a three-hour long exhibition match against Stefan Edberg in Lausanne, Switzerland.

All fans of 'Boom Boom' Becker are requested to pray for his speedy recovery.

#### **MONEY TALKS**

F YOU lose the world snooker title you would tear your hair out in frustration, but not Stephen Hendry. Hendry is quite happy being the runner-up, because he has set a snooker record of the

#### **SPORTING**

# TDIVIA IN A

Interesting snippets from the world media that we normally don't get to hear about...

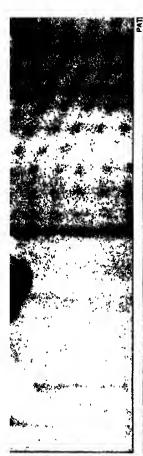
#### Becker laid up with back problems

season by being the highest earner of table earnings, an astounding £ 664,000. Hendry's earning overtook the previous record of £ 661,500 earned by Steve Davis.

#### **MESSIAH LAWRENCE**

Lisearch of a messiah or simply a bowler who can get batsmen out, have re-discovered the tearaway fast bowler from Gloucestershire, David 'Syd' Lawrence. Lawrences' Test experience is restricted to bowling against the Sri Lankans in '88. Thank god for that, because at that time he was without control and accuracy.

But this new version of that old model is undergoing a re-modelled bowling action under South





African coach, Eddie Barlow. Plus, he has also been watching videos of Sir Richard Hadlee's bowling action. His haul of 25 wickets in two weeks has made him the highest wicket-taker this season.

Thickly muscled and built more like a heavyweight boxer than a fast bowler, Lawrence was so sick and frustrated with cricket in '89 that he tried being a male model, a boxer, a rugby player and a bouncer in a nightclub. Ultimately he came back and as chairman of the selection committee Ted Dexter feels, "If Devon Malcolm and Lawrence are fit and can show good control, England will have the fastest opening attack since Trueman and Statham and we can match the fire power of the West Indies."

Well lets hope the tearaway bowler,

Could be the last view of the grass at Lord's because according to plans it is going synthetic

Lawrence can stick with it and save England some embarrassment against the West Indies.

#### SYNTHETIC CHANGES

THE HALLOWED grass at Lord's, headquarters of cricket, will be dug up by the year 2000 and replaced with a synthetic surface, according to Alan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board.

The 22-yard wicket would still be grass, grown under ideal conditions and slotted into a hole in the synthetic surface just before each game. Smith said that despite objections from the traditionalists, the change was inevitable in the long run.

The idea is a copy of the concept of Kerry Packer of Australia. Packer used trays of turf for the wicket when he was forced to use Australian football stadia to hold his World Series Cricket in the '70s.

Polish President Walesa just plays table tennis for fitness



Smith insisted. "I am a cricket traditionalist, but this change has to come and will come. Remember the actual wicket will remain turf and in cricket that is the crucial thing."

#### FAT IS IN!

RESIDENT George
Bush jogs and has an irregular heart beat.
And it seems that his fitness programme has gone out of hand.
Doctors have adviced him to lay off jogging for the next few months because the last time he went out for a run he landed up in hospital with a his 'ticker' giving problems.

On the other hand, the Polish President Walesa just restricts his physical activities to playing table tennis and has never felt better.

In politics, it would seem to be a case of the survival of the fattest!

# THE ANY ANY PLACE WORKOUT

#### **FOREARMS**



GO-BOY! How're those abs feeling? Hey, hold it. Don't panic. We aren't going to carry on with the gutbusting. No way. Instead, what we're going to discuss over the next few weeks is an 'anytime, anyplace workout.'

Anytime? Anyplace? Yup, you got it. See, this is the workout that doesn't need equipment—imagine trying to pack your barbell set and Bullworker into your overnight case! It's the workout that doesn't need too much space-imagine trying to find a convenient area to do your jogging in every small town you visit on business! And it's the workout that doesn't need time-imagine finding half an hour for your daily sweat when you've got three meetings, a social call, lunch and a flight to

catch in the next six hours!

If we're talking your language, then read on, fellow-sufferer. This is a workout programme that is tailored to the ultra-busy person. The kind of guy who is into fitness...but just not homebound enough to stick to a fitness regimen.

It's a full-body, weight-free workout which can either be enjoyed as a full-fledged sweat session or can be broken down into isolated exercise for certain bodyparts. Try and get them into your

memory so that anytime you get a few minutes going spare, you're working that body.

In fact, this programme—if you want to even call it that—isn't governed by any rigid numbers of reps and sets. Just let your muscles guide you through it If you feel good, you're on the right track.

HANDS. You can be either standing up or sitting on a chair for this one. Just hold the arms out in front of you, fully extended and fingers pointing up with

#### **CHEST**



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the palms facing forward. Then, in one smooth motion, bend the wrist down, bringing the fingers down and forming a fist Go back to the starting position, and repeat

FOREARMS. You need a towel or a thick sheet for this Just duck into that bathroom and grab that towel off the rack Okay, now hold that towel, hands a few mehes apart, out in front of you. Then try and wring the towel dry. Hey, we know the towel's not wet, but it s the wringing motion that we're interested in Just keep twisting your wrist forward and back, till



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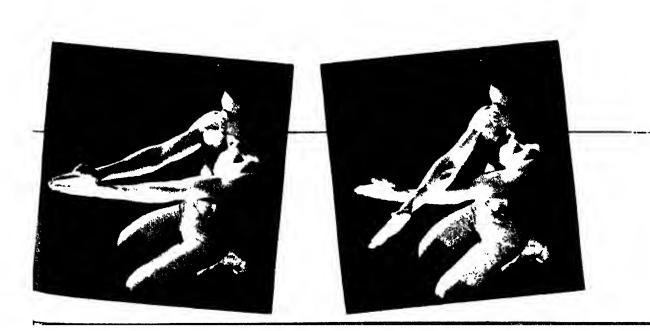
your forearms tighten up Ease off the pressure, and get started again ..if you're forearms are game enough.

enough.

CHEST. Once again, it doesn't matter whether your sitting, standing or kneeling for this one (told you this was an anytime, anyplace workout, didn't we?)

Just hold those arms out in front of your chest, palms facing each other

but about six-to-eight inches apart. Then bring the palms together in a clapping motion, take them back to the starting position, and then pass one above the other on the next inward movement Work out the rhythm of this exercise, alternating the clap and cross sequence (alternate the palms that pass over too) till you've given your pectorals a real workout.



# O you're another of those guys into weights? You gnash your teeth and lift till the veins start popping. Then you look at yourself in the mirror and admire the results, those finely sculpted muscles, rock hard and bulging. You then strut around showing off the body that you took so much pain to achieve.

But it's not just on the outside that weights has done you good. Here are some other reasons as to why weightlifting is good, for the insides of the body too. Recent studies indicate that lifting weights not only tones and shapes your muscles, it helps you lose weight, lower your cholesterol and blood pressure, protect you from injuries of the back and shoulders, improve vour athletic performance, and even enhance your sex life. Here's what weight lifting can do for you, and how it does it.

Lowers blood pressure, slashes cholesterol.

People hold diverse views when it comes to the connection between lifting weights and high blood pressure. The traditional school of thought does not endorse weightlifting to patients with history of high blood pressure. It is true that blood pressure does rise when you are pumping iron. But if the exercises are done with moderate weights, then there is no danger of the blood pressure skyrocketing to dangerous levels. Recent studies prove that weight lifting does lower blood pressure. It lowers the LDL

## PUMPIT

cholesterol (the bad kind) and boosts the HDL cholesterol (the good kind). Keeps the heart strong. Lifting weights help to offset cardiac atrophy that is caused by the loss of heart muscle due to dieting. The heart is like any other muscle: no pressure put on it by

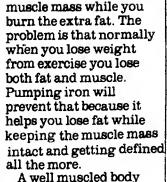


### UP!

way of exercise, and it'll shrink. And just dieting can wreak havoc on your heart, because as building stronger bones than any other exercise. The bones respond to pressure, and strength training provides the pressure, more so than aerobic training. Weight lifting makes the bones more denser. This is because the density of spine mineral increases

that is the body's ability to metabolise sugar properly. Strength training also tackles hyperinsulinemia, a condition where there is too much of insulin in the blood, a potential risk factor for heart disease.

Meits away pounds



A well muscled body keeps on burning calories hours after a workout. The caloric afterburn is much more in weight training than in any other form of exercise. The amount of calories burnt depends on the rest breaks taken in between sets.

Adjusts your attitude.

Weight training and psychological boost? Well anyone who has flexed in front of the mirror after an hour of pumping iron will know. As the body appearance becomes better and as one begins to get those admiring glances, the person feels on top of the world and his self image also improves. As a result his confidence is also boosted and his overall personality undergoes a major facelift. Just endorses the age old adage, 'If you want to feel good and confident, then go and make an effort to improve your appearance'.

The best reason for you to take to weight training is that the results are evident very fast usually within weeks. You will be surprised to learn that as little as a few seconds of muscle stimulation three times a week, can lead to substantial increases in muscle strength and size.

So folks keep at it and pump up your health.



## THE HEALTH COLUMN

your weight drops, the workload of the heart also drops as there is less body mass to pump blood to. Boosting the heart's workload through aerobic and strength training exercises helps increase the heart muscle mass.

Builds stronger bones. Weight training in any form is more effective in with weight training, and this spine mineral is a key bone building constitution.

Improves glucose
metabolism. Pumping
iron makes the body
gobble up excess sugar
in the bloodstream.
Weight training
produces significant
improvements in the
body's glucose tolerence,

more efficiently than aerobic exercise. You were always under the impression that aerobic exercise was the best way to trim those extra pounds. We are not refuting the fact, but aerobic exercise coupled with weight training will not only help you burn more calories, it will help you retain

#### **MADRAS**

#### **Eagle Flask Hockey**

WITH sponsorship for sports events in the country has taken off in a big way in recent years, hockey has not received its due despite its status as a major sport. Perhaps it is because hockey is a dying sport in the country and that the players lack the glamorous image that goes with other major sports like tennis and cricket, both of which garner much more sponsorship.

Given this background it was heartening to see the organisers of the first All India Grade One Invitation hockey tournament for the Eagle Flask trophy put in a total prize money of Rs one lakh for the eleven-day-event held in Madras this month. The competition, organised by the Youngsters Sports Association and sponsored by the makers of Eagle Flasks also set the ball rolling for the hockey season in the city. For two more All India tournaments, the Basheer Ahmed Khan tournament and the MCC tournament are to follow in June and July.

The list of entries for the Eagle Flask tournament made for impressive reading. Out of the 20 competing teams, 13 were outstation sides. Among the participants were some of the leading teams in the country like Punjab and Sind Bank (Delhi), Border Security Force (Jalandhar), Tatas (Bombay), Indian Army XI, Punjab Police (Jalandhar), Air India (Bombay) and South Eastern Railway (Calcutta).

Unfortunately three prominent entries, Railway Coach Factory (Kapurthala), MEG (Bangalore) and Hyderabad failed to turn up for various reasons and this took some of the gloss associated with the tournament. The result was that good hockey was seen only in a few matches and the tournament itself was watched by small to moderate crowds. Hockey does not have a high spectator following in Madras and one of



the reasons is the State's poor performance in the Nationals in recent years.

Indian Bank (Madras), the local senior division league runners-up benefited most by the last minute withdrawal of some of the top teams. They received two walkovers with the result that they were in the semi-final after playing just two games. Here however they scored a well deserved 2-1 win over Tatas to make the final. In the other semi-final BSF and Indian Army XI were so equally matched that the match had to be decided by sudden death. Here BSF prevailed 7-6.

The final was so woefully one sided with BSF outplaying Indian Bank 3-0. Bhupinder (penalty corner), Rajinder (penalty stroke) and PR Nag (field goal) scored in different forms to set the seal on BSF's overwhelming superiority. The famed Jalandhar side may not be as strong as they were at their peak in the '70s, but they are still good enough to notch up a tournament triumph or two.

Most of the other outstation teams failed to impress. South Eastern Railway, a popular outfit from Calcutta, were defeated 5-6 in the tie-breaker by Tatas in the prequarter final. Punjab and Sind Bank who had a bye to the quarter

#### The BSF team were the winners of the EagleFlask hockey tournament

final lost at that stage to Tatas 0-2. Air India also with a bye to the quarter final were badly beaten in the first match by BSF 0-3. And Punjab Police went down in their first match to Indian Army XI 0-2.

One reason why some of the top teams were willing to make the long journey to Madras and then play in 100 degree heat was the attractive prize money. The winners were to get Rs. 60,000 and the runners up Rs. 40,000. This was the highest prize money for a tournament in South India.

#### **Bank Cricket**

Panks are increasingly playing a major role in the promotion of sports either by way of conducting tournaments, providing employment to sportsmen or sponsoring sports events. The Banks Sports Board encourages employees by conducting inter-bank tournaments in various games. In addition, some banks supplement this by conducting competitions on their own.

Recently Bharath Overseas Bank organised its third annual cricket tournament in Madras for financial institutions in the city. As many as 16 teams took part in the tournament and these were made up of eight public sector banks, four private sector banks and four insurance companies. The teams were divided into four groups with the winners of each group qualifying for the semi finals. Matches up to the semi finals were played on 30-over basis and the final was played on 45-over basis.

At the end of the nine-day long tournament Indian Overseas Bank emerged triumphant defeating Bharath Overseas Bank by five wickets in the final. But IOB survived a hiccup or two before winning the Bharath Overseas Bank trophy. BOB were restricted to 172 for nine in 45 overs and IOB in reply were 113 for five at one stage. The match seemed poised for a thrilling faish. But an unbroken sixth icket stand of 61 runs between G. Suresh (39) and B. Venkatesh (33) however saw IOB ultimately romp! home with more than eight overs to spare.

Both the semi finals were tame affairs. While IOB beat United India Insurance by four wickets, BOB scored an eight-wicket victory over Canara Bank.

The following were awarded special prizes: Man of the match in final J. Gopalakrishnan (BOB) Man of the tournament. B Ramprakash (J+IOB) Best Batsman: PG Sundar (United India Insurance): Best Bowler: G Sundaravardanam (BOB).

Partab Ramchand

#### TRIVANDRUM

#### Sub—Junior National Chess

S.S. GANGULY of West Bengal and Meenakshi Subburaman of Tamil Nadu emerged champions in the boys and girls under—10 section respectively in the fourth national Chess Championship held at Y.M.C.A.

In the sixth and final round, S.S. Ganguly defeated Pragyen of

#### HYDERABAD

#### J.D. Singh Memorial Chess



Four—time National champion Pravin Thipsay won the J.D. Singh Memorial Chesa tournament in Hyderabad recently. (In picture) he is receiving the award from Mrs. Poonam Handa, wife of Mr S.K. Handa, GM of BHEL.



#### Meenakshi Subburaman was the under—10 champion in the Sub-Junior National Chess championship

Orissa. But he was tied with Karnataka's N Pramod at 5½ points. The progressive score of both the players was the same. Finally Ganguly won by a toss of the coin. Meanwhile Meenakshi claimed the girls title without difficulty.

Because of their good performances in the championship, Ganguly and Meenakshi were selected to represent India in the World Chess Championship.

In the girls under-8 section, top seeded Ananya Sarkar of Bihar lost her final board to Adita Shrihani of Maharashtra. She was tied with her teammate Malavika Kumari and J.E. Kavitha (Tamil Nadu) at 4 points. Ananya Sarkar was declared the winner on better progressive score. Anup Hemant (Maharashtra) won the boys under-8 title.

Somarajan, district police commissioner, distributed the awards.

Sajeev Kumar T.K.

#### BOMBAY

#### **Youth Cup Tennis**

#### (Qualifying matches)

THE ISRAELIS came to India without their baggage, which got misplaced en route, and a lot of apprehension about the sort of welcome they would receive, but with a lot of confidence about their ability to do well in the Asia-Australasia qualifying one of the NEC World Youth (under-16) Cup Tennis championship.

They got their baggage in due course, were given a warm welcome and, more important than anything else, went back home with the glittering trophy by winning the boys' team title despite the fact that they were not seeded which peeved them from the beginning.

The Israelis, led by the only player with ATP points in the tournament—lanky left-hander Noam Behr—dumped top seeds, Australia and Chinese Taipei.

Later, the Israeli boys got past Indonesia 2-1 in the semis before clinching the title with a two matches to one victory over New Zealand to round up a highly satisfying week.

The corresponding girls' crown was won by Japan who whitewashed the People's Republic of Korea (South Korea) by three matches to love in the final after notching an identical margin of victory over hosts India in the semi-finals.

Each tie was played over the best of two singles and one doubles matches and the four semi-finalists clinched berths in the finals of the championship, popularly termed the junior Davis Cup, at Barcelona (Spain) in September.

Both the boys' and girls' teams of the host nation, India, made the Barcelona championship by winning one tie each after securing a first-round bye to advance to the semi-finals where the boys, represented by Rohit Reddy, TS Satyanarayana and Anirban Barua, lost to New Zealand.

The girls' squad, comprising the respective national women's grass court and hard court champions, Aradhana Reddy and K V Nirupama, and Falguni Parsana, made it to the last four at the expense of Indonesia only to lose tamely to Japan in the semis

The Israelis were a bit lucky in taking on a less than cent per cent fit Australians, who played Jay Salter against Behr in spite of the former suffering from an upset stomach, and won the crucial quarter-final tie 2-1 by clinching the deciding doubles.

Australian national champion Allen Belobarjdic won his match in three sets against Lior Mor only to see Salter concede his match after dropping the first set. Behr and Danny Erez won the doubles, but only after a hard-fought three-set struggle against Belobarjdic and Adam Nordsworthy and the result gave a big morale-boost to the Israelis. The Indian boys started off well with Reddy and Satyanarayana winning their respective singles matches against Hong Kong's Sven Koehler and Bill Young to ensure a passage to Barcelona.

India could have made it to the final too had Satyanarayana cashed in on the chances he had against New Zealand's Steven Downes in the semi-final. He was a set up and 4-3, 40-0 ahead in the second before losing the match in three sets.

Rohit Reddy then came out with his guns blazing to outclass Kiwis' top player James Greenlagh 6-3, 6-0—winning the last nine games in-a-row—but the Indian doubles combination of Barua and Reddy played soft-touch tennis to be beaten by Downs and Greenlagh in straight sets. The semi-final loss took its toll the next day, in the tie to decide the third and fourth places, against Indonesia. Barua replaced an injured Satyanarayana only to lose tamely to Champi Halim. Reddy conceded his match due to a hamstring pull when trailing 2-3 to Anditya Seopardi and then India conceded the doubles to lose the tie 0-3

Still the experience of playing against players of the same age

The Israell boys team with the trophy



group from other countries and duly qualifying for the inter-zonals at Barcelona later should stand the trio of Reddy, Satyanarayana and Barua in good stead in future.

The girls, on the other hand, were no match for the strong Japan in the semi-finals. A first-round bye and a 2-1 victory over Indonesia—with Nirupama and Aradhana winning the singles—had raised hopes of a good fight against top seeds Japan. But they were blown away in the wake of aggression and footspeed shown by the Japanese girls team comprising the hard-hitting left-hander Mami Donoshiro, Ai Sugiyama and Yuka Yoshida.

The Indian girls too finished fourth overall but unlike the boys went down fighting against China. Nirupama fought back from 3-5 down against Liu Yi in the first set to win it and the match in three sets while Aradhana lost in three sets to Li Li. Later Aradhana and Falguni frittered a 4-1 lead in the opening set to lose the deciding doubles 4-6, 4-6.

Sriram

#### PUNE

#### **Badminton Clinic**

THE week-long 'Prakash-Puma' badminton clinic concluded recently at the CCI courts. The clinic conducted by the badminton ace Prakash Padukone for boys and girls below the age of 18 met with instant success with Maharashtra's top 20 boys and girls participated in the clinic.

The clinic was one of the series of such badminton clinics planned by Puma Carona with Prakash Padukone. Prakash has been working on a scheme somewhat on the lines of Vijay Amritraj's BAT academy. His plan for an eight to 10 courts badminton complex has already been approved by the State Association of Karnataka and the project is expected to be completed in about 18 months time. The Karnataka



Prakash Padukone giving a few coaching tips during the Prakash-Puma badminton clinic held in Pune recently

government and the State association have agreed to make a substantial contribution.

Prakash intends to make these clinics an annual feature. He plans to hold similar clinics in the northern and eastern sectors after the monsoon.

At the end of the clinic seven shuttlers, four boys and three girls were selected as future prospects.

Tushar Pai, Abhay Bhole (both Pune) and Sanjiv Bandwar (Nagpur) in the boys under 18 category, and Larisa Sadrangani, Aparna Popat (both from Bombay) and Firoza Batliwala (Pune) in the girls section will be provided with Puma kit and apparel by Puma Carona.

K. A. Vishwanathan

#### CALCUTTA

#### SAI Diploma Course

ONE hundred and twenty four-coaches in various disciplines rolled out of the Sports Authority of India-Netaji Subhas sports complex at Salt Lake. The new coaches received diplomas after graduating successfully from the eighth regular diploma

course of the SAI.

The prominent names among the fresh batch of coaches were Mohinder Singh Rathod (basketball), Suravi Mitra (hockey) and S. Kumari Debi of Manipur (women's football). Kumari Debi is incidentally the country's first woman football coach. Sudarshan Singh was adjudged the best examinee.

Dr Bhaskar Roy Chowdhury, the Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University awarded the diplomas, while the director of the centre, Mr O P Bhatia, was also present.

The present system of tutoring the coaches for ten months before awarding the diplomas is likely to be changed from next year. It has been felt that the ten-month coaching is not enough for the proper understanding of a discipline.

The SAI, within the next few years, is going to overhaul the coaching syllabi and raise the minimum period of tutoring to 30 months. A scheme is being chalked out by the former director of the eastern centre, Dr Darshan Kumar Tandon. The scheme will conform to Western practices.

The emphasis in the eastern region centre will be on hockey as the SAI-NS at Salt Lake has the only astro-turf in the whole of the eastern and north-eastern sector.

Soumitra Bose

### KARATE

#### THE POWER OF THE EMPTY HAND



PHOTOGRAPHS RAMAN B A LA



Ts time to move onto some advanced training methods now And its the wrists well concentrate on first. These push ups while working the arms and shoulders will strengthen the muscles and the tendons of the wrist preparing you for the advanced techniques which involve the wrist. While the arms

shoulder and fists have

already been dealt with in the earlier stages this lot of push ups requires the palms to be placed at different angles stretching the tendons and making the wrist supple yet strong

Make sure you are ready for this level of training first before just attempting these push ups

By Shivaji Ganguly

Kyokushinkaikan karate





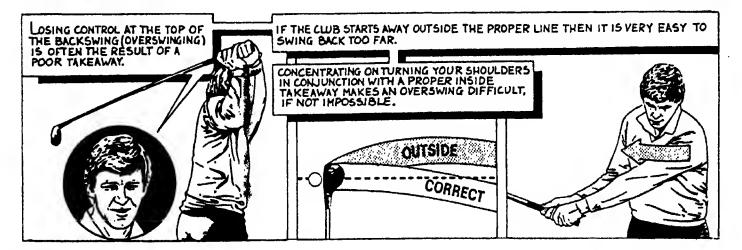
#### THE FALDO FORMULA

#### FROM TEE TO GREEN

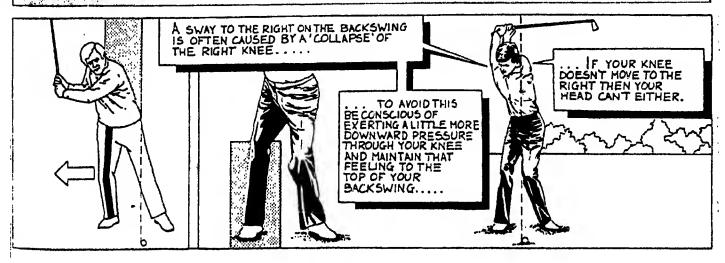
#### Keep Leg Action in Tune



#### Too Far Too Bad



#### **Exert Knee Pressure**



#### QUIZ/CHESS/BRIDGE

#### QUIZ

#### QUESTIONS

- Who was the first referee to award to penalty kick in a World Cup football final?
- 2. Who spotted Pele?
- 3. What is 'pin' in a game of chess?

#### **ANSWERS**

- Jack Taylor (England) in the 1974 final
- 2. Waldemir de Brito
- An attack on a hostile unit which is shielding another hostile unit from attack.

#### **CHESS**

Vassily Ivanchuk has long been thought of as the most likely successor to Gary Kasparov. Enormously talented, at his best the 22-year-old has the imagination and the technique to beat anyone. At his worst, he loses like a child in high pressure situations.

Recently the World No.3 seems to have stiffened up mentally. He thrashed Yudasin 4½-½ in their Candidates Match and he beat both the Super Ks at Linares while winning the strongest tournament ever. Now people are saying he is Fischer's successor. Games like this one show the comparison is not unjustified.

White: Ivanchuk Vs Black-Csom, USSR, '91.

1d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 f3 c5 5 d5
Bxc3 6 bc3 Nb5. The Hungarian GM
is a specialist in this peculiar
variation which relies on the
tactical cheapos based on Qh4 7
g3 f5 8 e4 f4 9 de6! In '72 at the
Olympiad Csom picked up a
brilliancy when white played 9
Ne2. 19 Years later Ivanchuk
improves, and of course 9—de6 10
Qxd8 Kxd8 11 g4 wins.

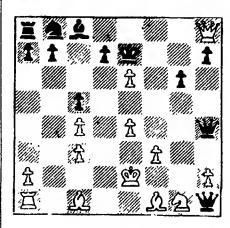
9-1310 Ud5 227 In the light of what follows this is a mistake. Black has to try 10. Nf6 11 ed7 Nbxd7 12 Qe6 Qe7 13 Qxe7 Kxe7 and black's lead in development may compensate after 14 hg3 for the pawn.

10 Qxh5 g6 11 Qe5 Qh4 12 Ke2 gh1×Q 13 Qxh8 Ke7. (See Diagram) 14 Qg7!
Kxe6. This is a forced win. Black will eventually be forced to return all the material and then lose with his king totally exposed.

15 Bh3 Kd6. Even 15—Qxh3 is met by 16 Qg8 Kf6 17 Bg5 Kxg5 18 Nxh3. And white wins both queens.

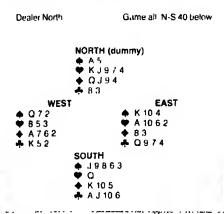
16 Qf8 Kc7 17 Bf4 Qxf4 18 Qxf4 d6 19 Rd1 Nc6 20 Qxd6 Kb6 21 Qg31 h5 22 Bxc8 Rxc8 23 Nh3 h4 24 Qf2 (1-0). The second queen is trapped. An impressive example of in-depth preparation. Sorry for leaving the Akopjan-Ulibia game unfinished. The game ended 27 Bh7! Kxh 7 28 Qf Af7 (1/2-1/2) as white delivered perpetual check.

#### **Devangshu Dutta**



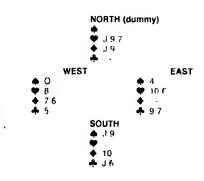
#### BRIDGE

Bridge is a game of logical analysis, rarely involving any high-level mathematics but always requiring the ability to put two and two together. Today's hand from a rubber bridge game illustrates my point.





West led a low club, the unbid suit, and declarer topped East's queen with the ace. Now came the heart queen, ducked, a diamond to the queen and the heart king. East would have done better to duck this, retaining an easily cashable tenace over dummy, but he won his ace and continued with the club nine to the ten and West's king. West switched to a low spade and East, on winning his king, drove out dummy's ace. Now came a diamond off the table to South's king and West's ace, reaching:-



Requiring two more tricks, West found the only winning line--- he cashed the spade queen, dummy ditching a heart, and exited in diamonds, leaving declarer with an insurmountable entry complex. South decided to win in hand, playing the nine from dummy after some thought which East misinterpreted. Thinking that South was winning the trick in dummy by finessing against West's diamond ten, East threw a club to retain the hearts and declarer's six of clubs suddenly became a winner. This might seem like a misguess but that brings me to the point----if only East had stopped to analyse, he would have realised that with the diamond ten West would have simply exited with a safe heart to ensure a set.

Santanu Ghose

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#### INTERVIEW

11.8 seconds for the 100m. 24 seconds for the 200m. And 53.4 seconds for the 400m. She's fast!

Glib talk. Good looks. Fancy threads. She's with it!

Not anyone can win four gold medals. Even at the Open Nationals. Ashwini Nachappa did. Proving that she's about the best bet Indian athletics has right now. Usha is history, Shiny is trying to recreate it. But Ashwini is now!

How do you assess your performance at the Open Nationals?

Good. I am especially happy with my 400 metres, since it was my personal best timing: 53.4. I was a little disappointed with the 200m though. I'd been hoping to time under 24 seconds but managed just a flat 24. But then, there was no competition. And the 100s was okay considering I had

I don't like it when people say 'you're the filmstar'. I'm 'the athlete' first

> already run so many events and was very tired.

Still, since I had not done much speed training before this meet—I was concentrating mainly on the 400s—I think it was a good Nationals.

Why have you suddenly started running the 400m?

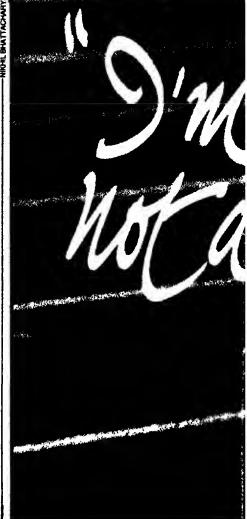


running this event. I used to run it quite a bit in 1987/88, but then the sprints took up most of my time. Now, both my coach Sunil (Abraham) and I feel that I could be better in the 400, so we're going to give it a serious try. Also, now that Usha is no longer around, we have to start thinking about forming yet another good 4×400 relay team.

In fact, it really felt good running the 400m competitively for the first time since the Masters at New Delhi in '88 August. Of course, it felt even better to win!

Your start isn't the hottest aspect of your running. What are you planning on doing about it?

Yeah, I do have a poor start, which is partly the reason I will not be concentrating so much on the 100s. I will be training for that distance but that will be only for the 4x100 relay Instead I'll



interviewed by Pradeep Paul andans, babe

...says Ashwini Nachappa, India's star sprinter. Movies and glamour are all fine...but it's the track that takes first preference

The South and the State of the

be concentrating on the longer sprints where the start doesn't play the allimportant role.

Does this mean a lot of change in your training, taking into account the increase in distance?

See, I'm a power runner. And since I used to only run the sprints, I used to do a lot of weight training. But now, with the 400, I'll have to lay off the weights and concentrate on my endurance instead. I may also have to knock off a little bodyweight if I'm going to do well in the 400.

Moving off the track, you've acquired quite an image as a film star, model etc.ls that something you enjoy?

I don't like it when people say 'you're the film star.' I'm no bindaas babe. I'm 'the athlete' first. But, in India, it seems that films are more important. Sure, I enjoyed making the movie but athletics is my life. I want people to see me as an athlete. Why, I got

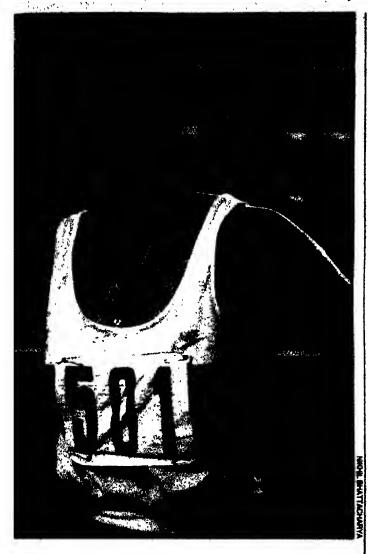


RASHBEHARI DAS

Both my coach and I feel that I could be better in the 400, so we're going to give it a serious try

Ashwini is a creature of contrasts, flitting between glamour and effort: made-up and pretty (above) while the end of a tough race can leave her wrung-out and bedraggied (above, right). However, despite all the glamour, deep down inside her resides a very serious, dedicated





The pressure is tremendous. Now that Usha has retired, everyone thinks I will be winning as many medals as she used to

Is the country's expectations of you carrying on from where Usha left off putting too much pressure on you?

Of course, the pressure is tremendous. Now that Usha has retired, everyone thinks I will be winning as many medals as she used to. In fact, I've already been asked if I was going to run the 400m hurdles! People

have got to accept that I am not trying to emulate Usha. I'm just trying to be the best athlete I can.

#### Does being the best you can mean glory at the Asian level at least?

I think I can do real well in the 200m at the Asian level. As for the 400m, if I do a sub-53 timing, I may be among the front runners.

the offer to make the movie only because of athletics. When I beat Usha, there was so much publicity that the producer thought about using me for the movie. And besides, I only agreed to do it because it was a sports movie. I wanted to show everyone how much hard work goes into becoming a champion athlete.

Given an offer, would you do another movie?

No. Not right away. Maybe after I give up competitive athletics, I'll do one more...just for the director (of her first movie). I'd rather do commercials. It's less time consuming, apart

from being free of the monotony of hanging around waiting for retakes. But basically, that's all for the future. Right now all I want to do is concentrate totally on my athletics.

if you're so focused on your sport, what can we expect from you over the coming season?

I really want to run the 400 under 53 seconds. And I'd like to better my best-ever timing—23.5—over 200 metres. More than that, I hope I don't disappoint myself, my coach, my parents. There's a whole lot of people expecting me to take over from Usha.



# ADIOS AMIGOS

It came as a great surprise to the badminton fraternity when Denmark's famous player Morten Frost Hansen decided to quit the game for good

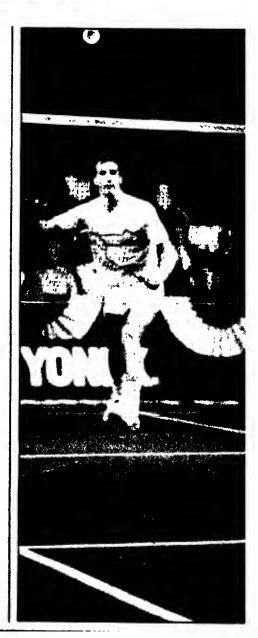
INALLY it was the end of the road for Denmark's Morten Frost Hansen. the "Mr Fighter" of badminton. One of the sports greatest names, Frost stunned his peers when, after losing to Soviet Andrei Antropov in the opening round of the World Championships at Copenhagen, he announced his retirement. Of course the defeat. however, came earlier than one expected and what was more surprising is that whenever anyone raised the question of his quitting the game he usually retorted: "Sorry, not this time".

Frost must have surely felt despondent and frustrated at having to lose to the Soviet. His ambition was to win the world title, but his quest ended ingloriously. Yes, he was the last of the old brigade.

The 33-year-old Dane participated in all the world championships since its inception in 1977, and his best performance was in the 1983 championship in his home town where he lost in the quarter-final. For him the world championship was jinxed.

Born on April 4, 1958 at Nykobing, a town 65 kms from Copenhagen, to a shoe merchant, Morten Frost graduated in history

Frost versus Indoneelan Icuk Suglarto in the 1987 All-England men's singles final which the Dane won



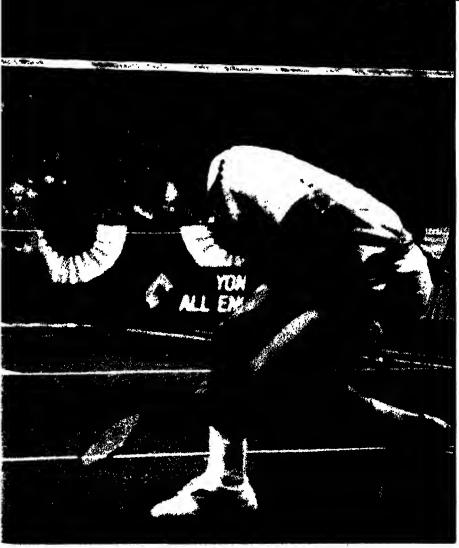
#### The two great Dane winners at the All-England: Kristen Larsen and Froat

and athletics. He was an ace high jumper in school, a master of the Fosbury Flop. He can even clear his own height of 6'1" with consummate ease.

It was at the age of eight when Frost first grabbed a badminton racket and exhibited a natural instinct for the game. He had a try at soccer too, but an ankle injury forced him to bid farewell to that sport. But perhaps that was what he was destined for.

His next option was badminton. His elegance, true grit and unique court craft led him to the path to glory and fame. The badminton



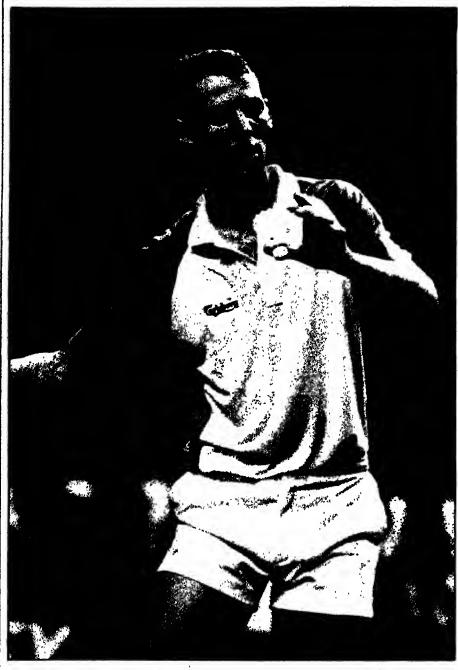


"During Hartono's days, the game hadn't developed that much. But today, we play in more Grand Prix tournaments than before and badminton has seen a lot of changes"

world just loved him. Europe loved him, for he was the lone crusader of the continent to check the Oriental onslaught.

Frost's game is built around a solid defence and quick-silver footwork. He's a player who had shown his famous fight-back qualities, but with age catching up on him—and recently—he found it difficult to keep pace with the more agile youngsters. And yet, Denmark couldn't do without him in the Thomas Cup finals last year and he notched up some sensational victories. He is one of the fittest players in the game and the secret behind this is his sincerity and rigorous practice.

The Frost 'formula for success' lies in playing a heavy schedule of



tournaments unlike most of his fellow top stars. His consistency can be assessed from the fact that he had reached eight consecutive All-England finals and 11 semi-finals besides winning several Grand Prix and other tournaments. If you look at his statistics since 1983, he annexed more than 20 Grand Prix tournaments which is three times more than China's Yang Yang or any other player.

He said in a recent interview: "Being the World No. 1 five times has given me the greater Being the World No. 1 five times has given me the greater satisfaction than any other thing — Fassi

satisfaction than any other thing". But one should also remember that there is a big difference playing now than in the earlier era of Rudy Hartono, nine times All-England champion. Frost himself said once: "Rudy did not have to face the challenge of playing the formidable Chinese at present. During Hartono's days, the game hadn't developed that much. But today, we play in more GP tournaments than before and badminton has seen a lot of changes".

As far as his badminton is concerned, even when he was humbled by juniors, the right-handed Frost took the defeat in good spirit. When Rashid Sidek (then unseeded) disposed off Frost 15-6, 15-6 in the quarter-finals to end his record-breaking run of eleven successive Wembley semi-finals and eight consecutive finals, he took the defeat in a philosophical spirit and gracefully offered no excuses.

On his recent defeat against Andrei Antropov, he said: "I did my best." So determined was he sometimes, that people used to say that when he smiles on court, it is as deadly as his poker face especially when he's trailing his

opponents. Morten Frost had spent more than seven years in England training with England's No. 1 Darren Hall and others. He will continue to live in England, but one day he hopes to go back to Denmark. When Indian ace Prakash Padukone shifted temporarily to Copenhagen in pursuit of greener pastures, Frost was his partner for his practice sessions. Both are indebted to each other as that helped them to add to their rich repertoire a new dimension.

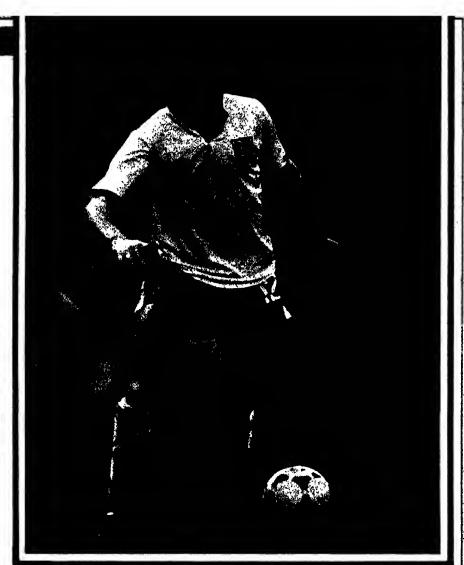
Always friendly, courteous and amiable, Morten Frost married his long-time girlfriend Ulla-Britt and the couple have a 11/4-year-old son. Kristian.

He is called "Mr Badminton" for his gentle behaviour on and off the court. The badminton fans will miss him in action but he will be remembered for all time as he is a legend. And legends never die.

SPECIAL FEATURE

**CHRIS WADDLE** 

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## ENGLISHMAN



ABROAD

HAT happens to English socoer stars when they leave the shores of Britain to play for overseas clubs?

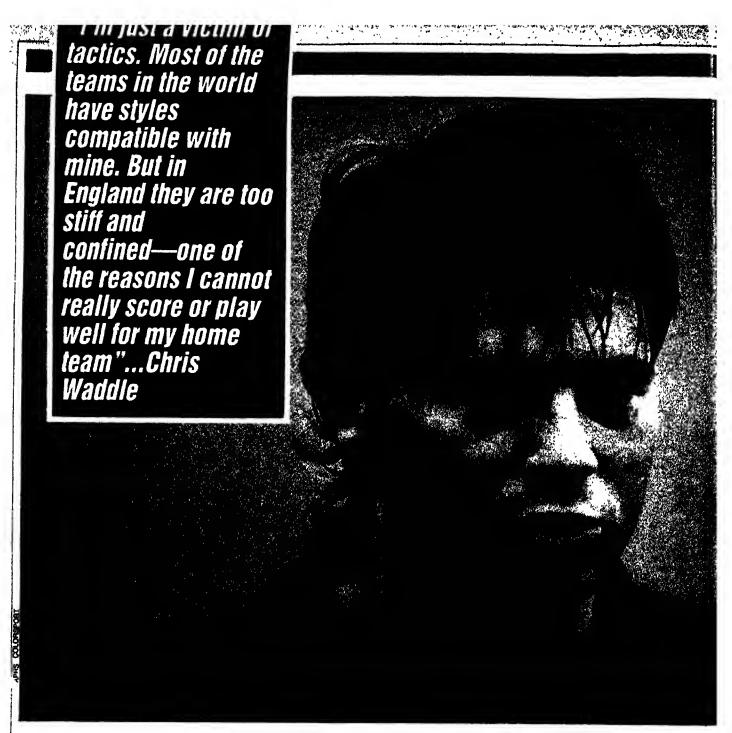
Nine sports fans out of 10 would know the answer: These superstars fail. Many an English reputation has come to grief on foreign soil. But with one

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exception. And that exception is Chris Waddle who is trying to undo the evil by playing with a zest hitherto unseen in an English soccer star playing in Europe.

Waddle's cut—and—thrust style has guided Olympique Marseille, the super club from the South of France, to the European Champions Cup finals. One of the most fancied players in France

One of the most fancied players in France today, Englishman Chris Waddle has taken the down—and—out Olympique Marseille into the dizzy cloudland of glory and triumph. But despite his success on the field the English team does not consider him good enough because of his Continental—Latin mix of soccer.



today, his popularity transcends the regional boundaries of the Gallic countryside. Almost all the bars in Marseilles carry a Waddle portrait, and a local wine manufacturer has named his most famous brand Cuvee Chris Waddle.

Le Equippe, the prestigious
French national sports paper has
used his picture on the front
pages testimes in the last one
month calling Waddle, Merlin the
Magician making him a superstar
in his adopted homeland.

In the last one year, Chris has

cut a niche for himself in French football with his Latin style of artistic soccer blooming on the hot shores of the Mediterranean. Waddle in tandem with Jean – Pierre Papin, Marseille's leading scorer and the French national team captain has created havoc on the European playing fields this season. The two are singularly responsible for raising Olympique Marseille to the super club status this season. Says Papin, "Waddle and me have a sort of platonic understanding. He guides the ball to the attack area

and lets me do the scoring. In fact, all my goals are Chris's doing. I just provide the final touches."

Waddle is a rare footballer who is praised by the entire team. Says Carlos Mozer, Marseille's Brazilian defender, "Chris has progressed tactically and technically. I think he is a great asset to the team because he is the most talented of all English players." But Waddle's biggest compliment came by way of French national coach, Michel Platini who gushed: "If Waddle was a Frenchman, he would be an

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automatic selection for the French team. He is a great player who can give his team a winning edge."

With such praise being showered upon him, it is not surprising that Waddle is on a winning streak. He showed his class at the European Champions Cup semi—finals against Spartak Moscow, with two free kicks which were turned into goals by Abedi Pele and Basil Boli. The win helped secure a place for Olympique Marseille in the finals against Red Star Belgrade in Bari, Italy on May 29. It is for such goal

setting moves that Waddle has been christened Monsieur Plus by the French Paparazzi.

Chris has come a long way from being a sausage seasoning factory worker earning £15 a week.
Recalls Waddle, "At that time I had only football to fall back upon. I had no qualifications except a pair of worn—out soccer shoes." It was this all—or—nothing attitude which saw him spend more and more time on the soccer field. "Even at that age I was impressed by the Continental—Latin mix of soccer played in Italy and Spain."

Says a bitter Waddle, "People abroad say I'm world—class, but in England they still think I don't defend well enough. It is the same with John Barnes, I've suffered like he has."

Chris Waddle was recently snubbed by the new English coach, Graham Taylor in favour of David Batty, at best a workhorse, for the European Championship qualifier against Turkey. Taylor's decision evoked a shocked response from the British Press. Said a crestfallen Waddle, "I'm just a victim of tactics. Most of the teams in the world have styles compatible with mine. But in England they are too stiff and confined—one of the reasons I cannot really score or play well for my home team."

Although he knows his days as an English international may be over, Waddle is sitting back and enjoying the well—deserved glory in France. Currently residing in an aristocratic rented Villa in the old town of Aix—en—Provence, Waddle at last has come to terms with himself. He knows that his myriad skills combined with those of Abedi Pele and Papin make up the best possible frontline any team could ever hope for.

In fact, it was Glen Hoddle's shift to France from Tottenham that spurred Waddle to shift his focus to Europe. That was the time when Bernard Tapie stepped in with a \$ 7 million cheque and whisked away to Marseilles. Many thought it was money down the drain because that kind of cash then could have got him a Gullit or a Maradona. Clearly, the wisdom behind the \$ 564-a-minute, four-year contract was debatable. But once he got going all the critics were silenced and his contract has now been enhanced to \$2 million a year. He has surely come a long way from a second division club player who fetched less than \$ 700 on the soccer transfer market. And as far as statistics go, he is the first English player who has tasted success since John 'King' Charles.

Edwin Burgess NEWSMEN FEATURES

#### YE-SPY! Who would have thought that a casual idea would snowball into a deluge of letters that had us wading through envelopes. Every day, hundreds and hundreds of letters would arrive by the post, till there was a veritable mountain. ('Anyone interested in mountain climbing' said a colleague, 'this is the best place to start.') At no time in the 12-year history of the magazine has there been such a huge response. Over 3000 letters coming in from Kashmir to Vishakapatnam and from Mizoram to Kerala. Why, D. Satheesh Kumar sent in an entry all the way from the United Arab Emirates.

The responses ranged from the very young (7year-old Rakesh Premjit Sen of Calcutta) to the very old, (80-year-old Saurav Kumar Borah from Golaghat). Professionals, students, teachers, housewives, children, sportsmen, sportswomen (Neeth Devaiah, sister of Reeth Abraham, sent an allcorrect entry from Mysore) and retired people. Such a wide range of people.

But the surprising aspect of the quiz was that there was such a high percentage of replies from girls and women. Has sport become a topic of interest for the fairer sex? It would seem so. In our young days, when we used to go out for dates with girls and talk enthusiastically about Kip Keino and Miruts Yifter. they would ask, with a bored expression on their faces: 'Are they African rock musicians?' Hut now, thanks

### freewheeling

to television and magazines, all this has changed. In fact, a significant number of allcorrect entries were from girls: Love Misra from Varanasi; Julie Goswami from Dibrugarh: Meena Natarajan from Vijayawada: Suzanne Lawrence from Bombay and Madhura Krishnaswamy from Calcutta. And housewives were not to be left behind either. Mrs Merlyn Wong, 36, from Calcutta sent in an allcorrect entry and so also did Mrs Anjali Paturkar. 33, from Nagpur.

In fact, a large number of the over 3000 entries received very high marks. Nine, ten and twelve out of twelve was the average. Which was remarkable. The quiz, in retrospect however, was easy. Nobody missed Boris Becker or Monica Seles. But quite a few people missed Answer No. 2: Alain Prost. They

said that it was the eyes of Amitabh Bachchan or Shashi Kapoor or Tom Cruise. When I mentioned to a reader that it was a sports mag and not a film mag, she shut me up by saying, "Then what was Pooja Bedi doing on the cover?"

We received more than 750 all-correct entries. And on the very first day after the quiz was published, there were several all-correct entries. So we thought it fair to have a lottery and who best to do it than ace athlete Ashwini Nachappa who was in Calcutta for the Nationals. On a sunny Monday morning, just after the conclusion of the Nationals. Ashwini Nachappa, clad in a flowery white blouse and brown slacks and a glowing look on her face, (after all, it is not every day that you win four gold medals at the Nationals) put her hand into a black bag containing all the entries. And out popped the winner: 11-year-old Paushika Ghosh from Assam. She has a thousand rupees to spend and that was an extraordinary streak of good luck, Paushika!

But luck did not hit the guy who had volunteered to do all the corrections. He assumed that it would be an easy job but by the end of the second week after

second week after the quiz was published and the flood was on, he looked like a guy on the edge of a nervous breakdown. Correct. correct. correct, that's all he did from morn to night. And he kept receiving awards. ('Okay, I have good news for you. You have been promoted from ordinary clerk to Chief Clerk. Okay, I have further good news for you. You are getting a bonus of Rs 10/-. So why don't you order some samosas?') And he kept receiving dubious accolades. ('You know' said another colleague. with a serious look on his face. 'I have a distinct feeling that you were a clerk in your previous life. And the way things are going, you are going to be a clerk in your next life as well.')

Ha! Ha! But nothing deterred him. He was all concentration on the job. Tick, tick, tick, put the marks, put it aside, take the next reply and on and on.

Lastly, one ends on a personal note. When asked to identify Alain Prost, reader Brij Mohan Juyal from New Delhi wrote with surging confidence: Shevlin Sebastian Coe.

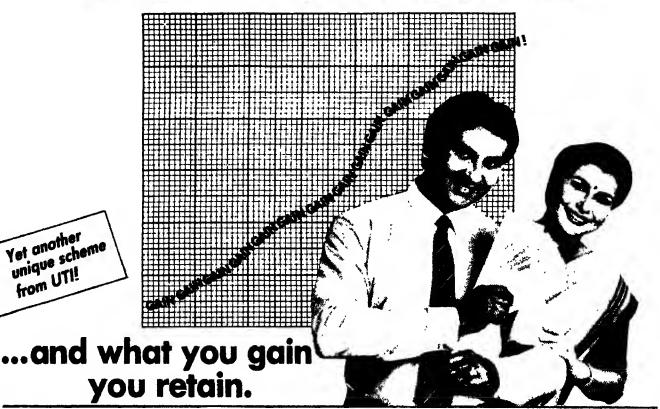
Thanks Mr. Juyal for a spot of fame and we hope to hear from all of you at our next quiz.

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Ashwini Nachappa drawing the winning entry for the Eye Spy Quiz



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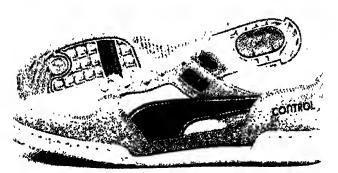
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AST year (while training in London) I think that I never really tried to change. Mentally I still wanted to play with my wooden racket. After Monte Carlo I realised that I had to change. It would have been better if I had done so, a year ago, instead of just now. I have to find my game, the one I played.

BJORN BORG, after his Monte Carlo debacle intends to try out graphite rackets.

YES, my form is back. It's been a long time since i felt such an emotion. I have broken through a barrier that was in front of me. I never thought of throwing in the towel, but I did think I had the devil inside me. But I was wrong.

SEVE BALLESTEROS (34) who missed winning the Spanish Open by the narrowest of margins, is back after a 14 month layoff.

PRIVING is not only driving. It is understanding what it takes to be successful. You have to have the commitment, the motivation and the ability to motivate the people sround you. They may not always be happy because I'm pushing and pushing, but that is the way I believe you need to be to succeed.

ARYTON SENNA, on what makes a winner.



E was pretty miserable when he came in. You could say that he wasn't exactly doing handstands.

A HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR, when Paul Gascoigne was rushed to hospital, after he tore the tendons of his right knee in the final of the FA Cup. Now Gascoigne has to stay off the field for at least a year.





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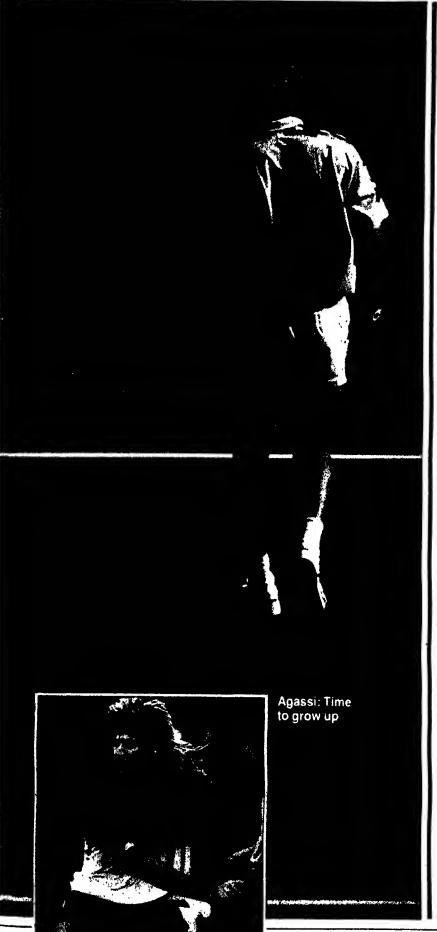
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### **WORLD TENNIS**

# WHAT'S UP

Despite two major failures, Edberg was 1990s No.1

AT HOUR



## If Andre Agassi has to clean up his act so does men's tennis which is losing its consistency and glamour

#### BY ROHIT BRIJNATH

F you haphazardly splash ten bottles of paint, each of various hues, on a canvas, what do you get? Andre Agassi. Which is why Nike, designers of his apparel, have a smooth advertising line for the Agassi range: 'Hit the ball as loud as you can'.

And Andre is loud. Last year his clothes screamed for so much attention that Phillipe Chatrier wondered why he had ever let in coloured clothes in 1970. Agassi, the diplomat responded by calling Chatrier a 'bozo'.

This year Andre decided he was all grown up, so his company actually showed his tennis wear to Chatrier for approval. What could Chatrier say to something purple, black, white and grey but 'yes'.

And Andre is still loud, Now he talks about art though you'll barely believe

he can spell Picasso. What he doesn't talk about...

...Is believing he's a phenomenon without ever having won a damn thing that counts ...Is being the

...Is being the
'Rebel' in the Canon
camera ad though
what he's rebelling

Some say tennis needs Agassi. A different style, a personality in neon. Perhaps. On the other hand if Agassi has to clean up his act, so does the game

against no-one yet knows. Does Andre?
....Is his dismissal of and disinterest in
tournaments. He comes to Europe, loses
in the first rounds of Rome, Monte Carlo
and Brussels but manages a second
round in Barcelona. This is the world's

forehands harder or makes you wear out a pair of running shoes in one match itself. He's for real, for sure. Only thing is, his image surpasses his game.

Some say tennis needs Agassi. A different style, a personality in neon.

Perhaps. On the other hand if Agassi has to clean up his act, so does the game. And that means the circuit and the players.

The Italian Open organisers had a nightmare week--Becker and Lendi dropped out through injury, a round. so did Sampras who was there only because his sponsors demanded and Gilbert enjoyed the hospitality for free

Each sport thrives on leadership. Where the senior pros set a standard.

whether it be for decorum or discipline.
Like Jack Nicklaus in golf. Tennis
however is moving the other way, which
is unfortunate because you can scarcely
expect lesser players to toe the system's
line when their more powerful peers are
bucking it.

Like in 1990: Lendl, Edberg and

Sampras: Come easy, go easy



greatest talent?

Ok, so Andre is loud. So what? Connors was loud. McEnroe was louder. But they used to win, dudes, most of the time anyway.

Wait a minute. This is not an anti-Andre tirade. No-one in the world has better hands than him or hits

Agassi, all in the top 5, refused to play the number of tournaments officially required, each falling short by two. Were they injured? Having babies? Lost in a storm? No, they were simply playing exhibitions, where the money they

earned probably
made their
fines—Lendl
(\$95,443), Edberg
(\$115,496), Agassi
(\$85,042)—look like
petty cash usually

The new formula is, keep in mind that only the best-14 count. so enter as many tournaments as possible. take some money for free, play it you're in the mood, and if you don't know how to play the computer, you lose

used for a night in the casino.

Players may moan that 11 tournaments

in this competitive, highly
physical era is too much. Does that mean
that Laver's gang who played 25-30
tournaments in their good years were
either supermen or played girlish
tennis? No way, Jose.

Another issue was the legality of upfront guarantee money. And when

that was aligned with the ATP's best-14 rule (only a player's best 14 tournaments will be counted) all hell broke loose. So you could have situations like this....

....Brad Gilbert losing in the first round at San Francisco, yet still earning four



Lendi should lead by example

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times more than eventual winner Todd Witsken, because of his guarantee money ....Stefan Edberg, ending the year as No 1 because the best-14 rule allowed him to discount his first round losses at both the French and US Open.

This is uncool, by any standards. With players not committed, and

taking advantage of the rules.
tournament organisers are living in a
nightmare world—like at the Italian
Open, where Becker and Lendl dropped
out through injury, Agassi lasted a
round, so did Sampras who was there
only because his sponsors demanded it,
and Gilbert enjoyed the hospitality for
free, lost and toodled off somewhere else
for money and points. That the Open
bombed was no one's concern

With 75+ATP tournaments to choose from to ensure the best-14 advantage, it is not surprising that the Grand Slam tournaments have suffered. Jay Berger never got past the fourth round at a Big One, didn't win a single tournament anywhere, yet by playing enough ended the year at No. 18 with \$349,354 in prize money (add to that guarantee money, endorsements and exhibitions and Berger must be doing okay)

Berger is not alone Jacob Hlasek ended the year at No. 17, Guillermo Perez Holdan at No. 14 and Emilio Sanchez at No. 8. Yet none went further than the fourth round at a Grand Slam tournament Perfect

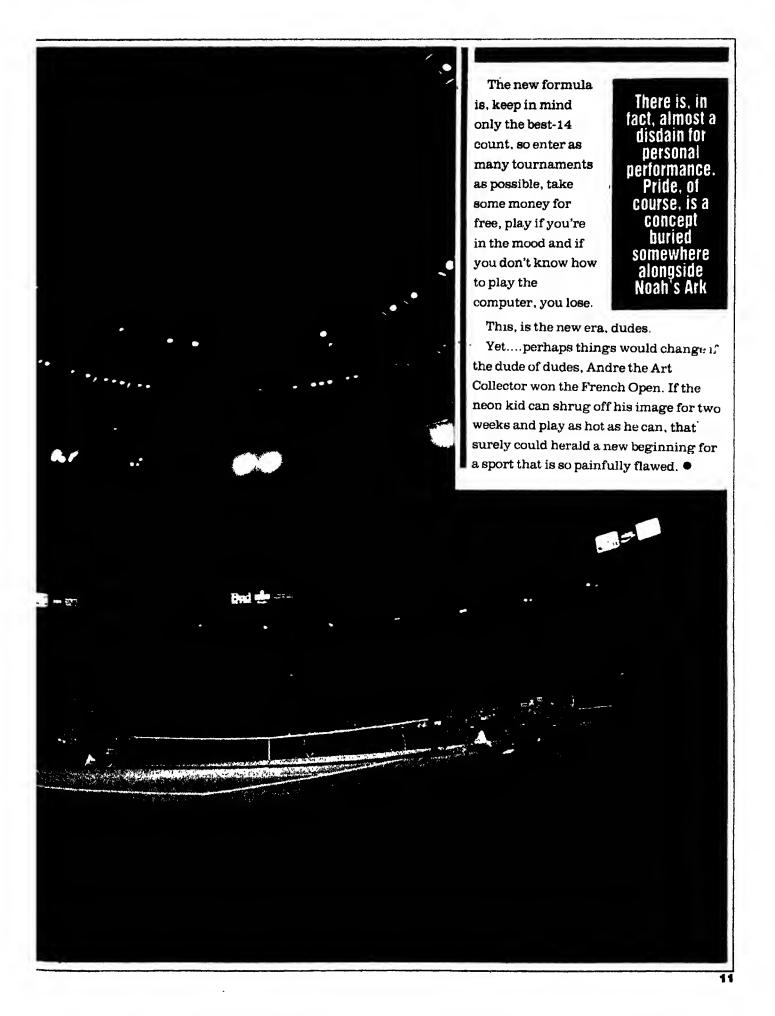
There is, in fact, almost a disdain for personal performance. Pride, of course, is a concept buried somewhere alongside Noah's Ark. For example, in the 32 ATP Tour events this year....

...only 7 were won by the top seeds ....on 9 occasions the top seed lost in the first match

...on 13 occasions the second seed lost in the first match

If that doesn't show that consistency no longer exists, then nothing will. Experts may bray that this is a reflection of the rising standard at the lower levels, but that is hardly the case. The truth is the circuit is reeking of a bad smell, one that will not go away so easily.







# THE PROS AND CONSOF BEING Patrick McEnroe

John



our or five years ago
Patrick McEnroe was
persuaded to give a
'one-on-one' interview at
Wimbledon to a British
journalist, who turned
out to be rather the
worse for drink The journalist
quizzed Patrick aggressively
about his reaction to the
behaviour, or more accurately
misbehaviour, of his brother

The interview came up live on TV from the media interview room to the press working area, where we all watched in deep embarrassment But Patrick handled it well After all, he has spent most of his life in tennis talking about the more famous and talented member of the clan

"I am used to it," he told me when we talked in London recently "When I was only ten or eleven I had a bunch of reporters come up to me when John first made it through to Wimbledon

"Being John's brother has its ups and downs. The downs are when you are having a difficult time with your own game and all of a sudden ten guys want to interview you. You don't see too many others being interviewed when they have lost, but they want to talk to me when I'm not doing well because of what my name is. All that extra attention is not deserved. I shouldn't be getting that attention.

"On the other hand I sometimes

get invited to smaller tournaments because of my name."

But that Patrick, now 24, is developing into a singles player of high merit. He has, of course, long been an excellent doubles performer and won the 1989 Masters title with Jim Grabb the last time that tournament was staged in London's Royal Albert Hall.

However, real progress in the singles world had always eluded him. So he set out to do something about it.

"I trained very hard, worked a lot on my speed and quickness about the court and that's made the difference. My problem has never been hitting or technique, it has been getting to the ball and being in the best condition.

"I knew I wasn't giving it one hundred per cent in singles. I didn't want to look back in ten years and say I was half-hearted about it." Now he can boast of a Grand Slam semi final; at the Australian early this year.

Close your eyes when you are in Patrick's presence and it might be brother John talking—even down to the wisecracks. He rattles along at the same machine-gun rate but, unlike John, he tends to finish his sentences and complete

his thoughts.

He is also scrupulously polite. He asks if you would mind waiting a moment while he changes out of his wet shirt and, when the talking is done, thanks you for interviewing him. On the whole, he says after reflection, his doubles has suffered in the past months while he has been lifting his singles ranking. He cannot, he says, possibly emulate John in being a consistent performer in both singles and doubles, week after week, year after year.

"What John did was just beyond imagination really. I am nowhere near that level, winning singles and doubles week in, week out. It's amazing he was able to do that, all those long hours and late nights playing doubles after his singles

matches.

"I wish I could emulate John but if I tried to do what he has accomplished it would be pretty



futile. It is silly for anybody to think I am trying to step out of his shadow or reach the heights that he reached. I read in one paper only today that I will never be as good a player as may brother.

But who will? I am just trying to do the best I can. I am a good player, but not a great player like John or Boris Becker. My aim is to make my mark, give it one hundred per cent, look back in ten years and say I had a great time and did as well as I could.'

Patrick, who has done well enough out of the sport to have his own apartment on the East Side Of Manhattan, relishes the four years he spent at California's

Being John's brother has its ups and downs...they want to talk to me when I'm not doing well because of what my name is. On the other hand, I sometimes get invited to tournaments because of my name "

Stanford University.

"There, I was recognised for myself playing for Stanford which has a great tennis tradition. It was a breath of fresh air. For the first time I had my own identity."

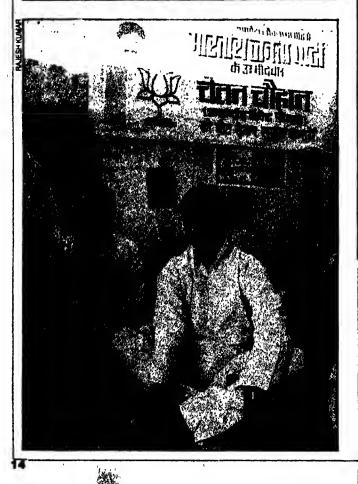
While Patrick is entitled to be resentful of the extra pressures heaped on him by the mere fact of being the brother of a tennis genius, he is actually grateful.

"John has been a great supporter and helped me so much in my attitude. He has had confidence in me and that has

been a great help.'

The brothers keep in touch regularly despite being separated by great distances because of their profession. In the Paris indoor event last November. Patrick was locked in a gruelling tie break with Emilio Sanchez when John rang from the United States to see how he was doing. He hung on—talking to an off-duty umpire of all people—while Patrick battled before losing the tie break 14-12.

That has to qualify as brotherly love of the highest order. But it doesn't surprise Patrick because, as he points out, "All of us in the family are named after saints."



## SPOK CAMPA

A look at some of the sports—related personalities



CTOGRAPHS TAPANDAS

## (top left)

Sharmila Tagore woold millions of cine goors throughout her acting career. Here she tries her hand at campaigning for husband 'Tiger' Pataudi and the Cong-I

## (left)

Lady Luck never smiled on Chetan Chauhan during his cricketing heydays. It certainly was a long journey from the pitch to the BIP dias, but he looks unruffed and totally at ease. Seen here, sharing the dias with BIP co-workers at a meeting in Amroha, in Uttar Pradesh.

## IMG.

tampaigning in the elections..





Mansur Ali Khan Pakaudi, the suave former captain of the indian team, chalking out strategies with party workers at Bhopal

(top right)

Former 'Mr. Universe', Manchar Aich leads a procession of aspiring bodybuilders (all trained by him) on the electoral path seeking votes for his candidature and for his party, the BIP

(right)

These days it seems like Kapil Dev is taking PR to hitherto unknown frontiers. Campaigning here in Bhopai for Tiger Pataudi, he even offered to lond a hand to Chetas Chuuhan the BIP







## A tribute to a great sports lover

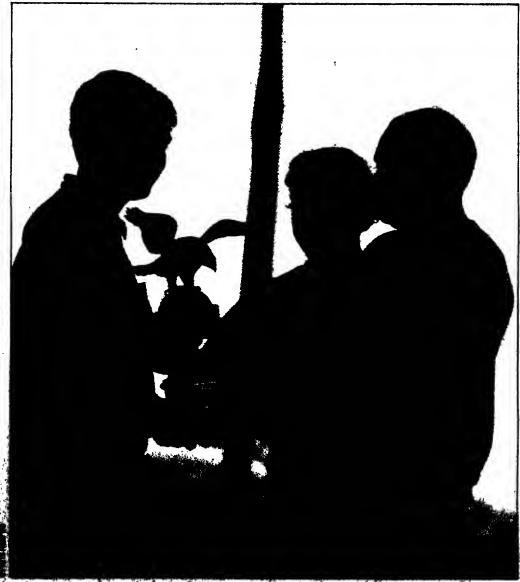


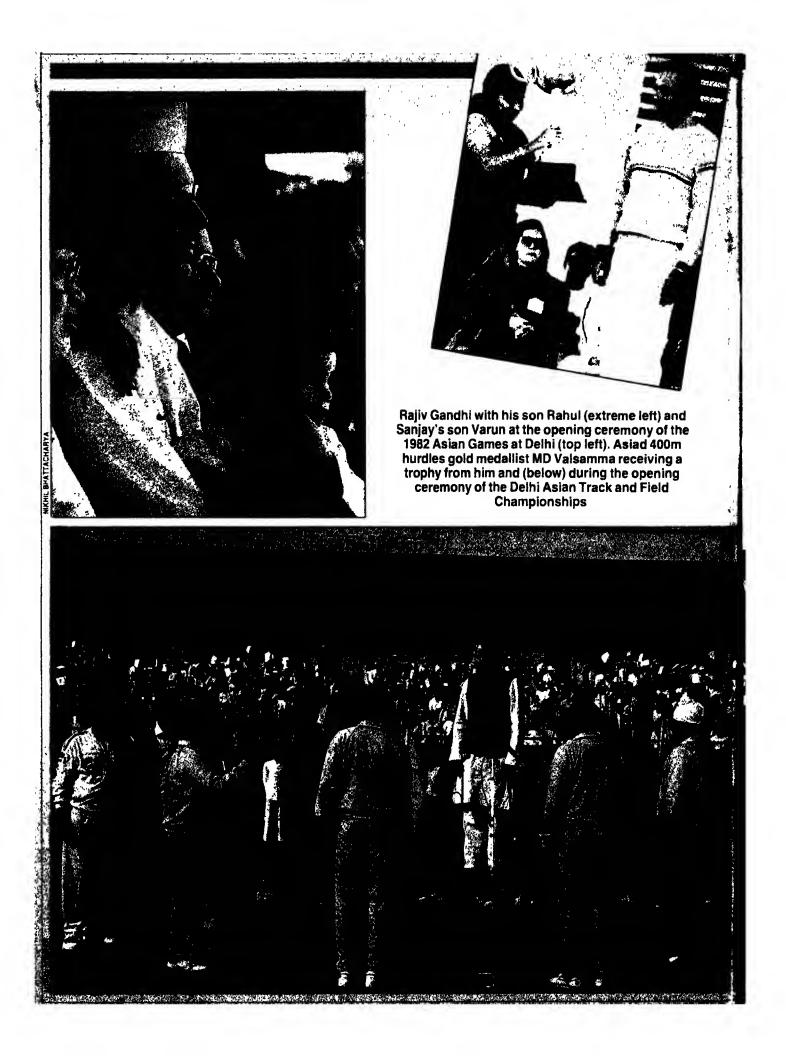


Clockwise (from top):
Prime Minister Rajiv
Gandhi joins the Nehru
Centenary Run at Delhi
where young and old
participated
enthusiastically.
Grandmaster Viswanath
Anand receiving a trophy
from the late premier.
And before the start of
the 'Super Soccer'
between the India XI
and PSV Eindhoven at
the Jawaharial Nehru
Stadium in 1991. Mr
Gandhi is photographed
with Mr Rusi Modi, the
footbail federation chief
P.R. Das Munshi and V.C.
Shukia









div Gandhi, His. tions that can never be filled. L'vividly remember the incident in 1982. I was staying at the Ambedkar Stadium along with other wrestlers and had returned late due to some function at home. We were at the stadium preparing for the camp for the Asian Games. I returned at 2 a.m. and what did I see?Rajiv Gandhi was supervising the work of making the stage. I was moved. Here was a man so dedicated for the country and its sport. He told me that he was expecting a gold medal from me and I am proud that I did not disappoint him. He came and hugged me from behind and I can never forget that moment.



Rajiv Gandhi is flanked by the Amritraj brothers—Vijay and Anand—and Ramesh Krishnan at Deihi and (below): He greets Yugoslavia's top player Slobodan Zivojinovic before the draw of the 1988 Davis Cup against India





Rajivji looked as though he was a happier man

than me for winning the

gold medal."

SIDNAN SMON BESS (pricketer): "I san Secret Ave paye

visit to the stadium was not a formality. His contribution to sport in general will never be matched and it is in

sport a great lover. His contribution was innames. I know him very well and he can be surely called a trus lover.

roked of a in India. He was to there when I was playing but I did notice that Rajiv would always remember to inquire and encourage Indian sportsmen in times of triumph and distress. My heart weeps for Rajiv's family and I pray God gives them strength



sportsmen. My heart goes out to his family members."

VINEET KUMAR (Olympian):

"I met Rajivji on many occasions and found him a man who had real concern for us. He always had encouraging words. I remember after





During the 1982 Asiad women's hockey final daddy is all smiles when daughter Priyanka waves the tricolours

the debacle in the 1988 Asian Games fine I he the still and so indeed a great source of encouragement and inspiration."

MAN 43 APPRIATE "Rejivji was a great apul A great sportalisms

about my health and even promised to help me in whatever way I oan. We had flown together and I remember Rajivji as a man always to the his test.

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**GHAUS MOHAMMED** 

# A DREAM TEAM

## **VIEWPOINT**

MUDAR PATHERYA

HF idea behind this column is not original it was inspired by Sir Neville Cardus piece in the April issue of The Cricketer 1974. Cardus picked in all time eleven not on the strength of their ability but on the basis of a line which is one of my favourites. Of those who have won affection and thrilled our understanding of the tire art of cricket.

Cardus turned selector assembled a dream side Jack Hobbs Victor Trumper Ranji Wally Hammond Frank Woolley Denis Compton C A Faulkner Jock Cameron Keith Miller Maurice Tate and Sydney Barnes

Challenged to produce a better team the magazine's editor David Frith responded with a Colourfast and shrinkproof eleven Syd Barnes, Jim Burke C G McCarteney K Miller Ken Mackay A E Trott, S M J Woods Rod Marsh Tibby Cotter Arthur Coningham and Arthur Mailey

Cardus' side was an international cocktail Frith picked one completely Australian Mine is entirely Indian the selective criterion lias been entertainment and nothing but, it is a side which on the odd day could be bowled out

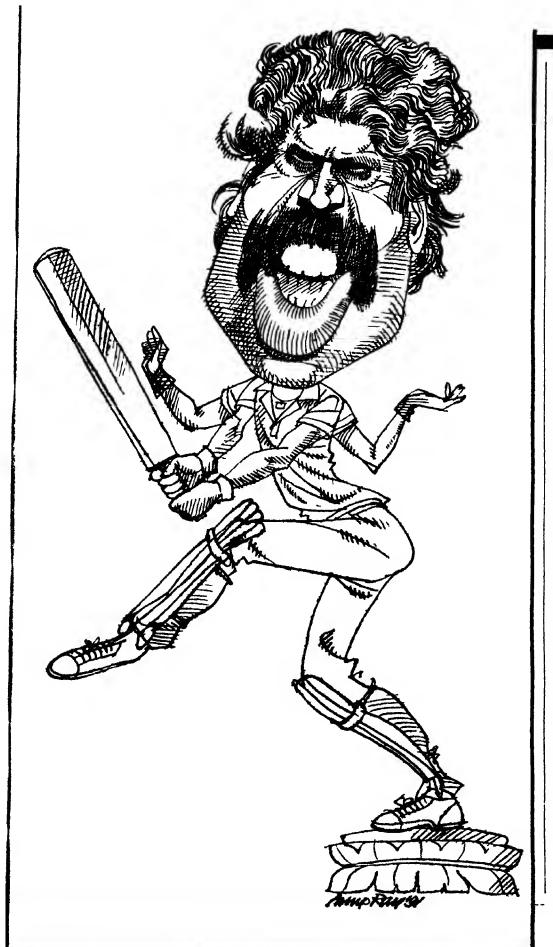
for 75 or on another set to chase 275 in 20 overs plus 35 minutes. Could win with 2 wickets and 3 overs to spare. A side you would watch not on the telly but in flesh and blood for days on end and calmly go back to the office and produce that remarkable alibi. Unavoidable circumstances.

I would open with
Sirkkanth and Mushtaq
Ali An interesting
contrast Sirkkanth
would blast the first ball
he received over the
bowler s head for a four
off one bounce if he felt
like it, Mushtaq Ali, silk
shirt rippling in the
breeze would cut late
between third slip and
gully for two Or glance
between long leg and
wicketkeeper for four

'I remember a match at Old Trafford between England and All India in 1936,' wrote Cardus "India went in a second time 368 behind, and in less than two hours and



Kapil Dev, playing his 'nataraj' flick and making the most difficult turning wicket resemble a featherbed...



a half scored 190 for none at close of play The match was drawn next ifternoon All India 390 for five Mushtaq Alı made 112 and his cricket touched the imagination there was suppleness and little grace which concealed power was silkness of skin concealed voracity of strength in abcautiful animal of the jungle

Batsmen bind then bats with Flastoplast Mushtag bound liis with velvet. We were 19 when we 111v1ted a 65 15h Mushiag to coach us a nets on one of his visits to Calcutta. He watched is bat for a while before one of us asked on why don't you bat also ple asc '

And so he walked sorry strode into the nets He lidn tappear to belong there wrating a salari suit brown suedes no pads no abdomen guard and only a pair of gloves as his concession to our concern for his safety

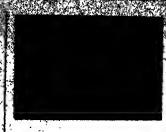
You know how fiery 19 year olds can be Our best bowlers in trked out then run ups and gave him their fastest Mushtaq calmly middled a few driving glancing blocking square cutting Reasonable stuff Until some jerk in our side aimed at his legs and yorked the stump out The third generation ci icketer went bei serk he shireked a euphoric Eeaah and ran around accepting congratulations He had clean bowled Mushtaq All nothing less

Mushtaq calmly went about prodding and pushing the others around Singles and twos kind of stuff. Until car needy a contract round feet needs faindered in again. Piched good length, off stump. Mushtaq baoked away slightly. Then rolled his wrists over for a reverse sweep. Connected. The hall flew over where third man might have been. Broke the ventilation pane of the library on the second floor of our college building. It was a shot Iwouldn't have believed had I not seen it.

Fancy a side of such eccentrics performing—ah, the right word—in my city and us charlies.

interest about the laternal dept, the price-earning ratio of cement companies on the stock market, and the hike in expise on man-made fibres on our way to work.

For hang on, Mushtag and Srikkanth are mere aperitifs; I would have roly-poly G.R.
Vishwanath walking in at one down and aquare-cutting the best bowling in the world to ribbens; either C.K.
Nayudu or Tiger
Pataudi as captain following at number four; Azharuddin



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spokatičing critica skap sowieta alčka Salim Durrent playing on sid and trying to lift the first ball for six; Kapil Dev, playing his 'nataraj' flick and making the most difficult turning wicket resemble a featherbed: Abid Ali playing literally on 'josh'; Amer Singh, whose 48 not out ... at Old Trafford in 1936. had Cardus writing that "he played an innings" which revolved round an axis of its own... his off-side slashes were as shooting stars, all wrong in our astronomy, but right and splendid in some other and more dazzling stellar system."

As my specialised spin bowler, I would go for Bishen Bedi who, even if he bowled a full toss would inspire poetry just with the way he bowled. The wicketkeeper's slot. adjustable in the batting order, would be Farokh Engineer's. No one challenges Eknath Solkar as the fielding specialist twelfth man. And should anyone fail to pass the fitness test or have a late night and fail to get down to the team bus in time, Sachin Tendulkar could always replace.

It's a side that wouldn't bother my captain in the field. Kapil Dev would open the bowling; Amar Singh, rated by a few to have been as dangerous as Bill O'Reilly had he played as often, would come over like a crack of doom' from the other end; Abid as first change would be okey; if the pitch took anin right: away, I can see Petabril tossing the ball to Bishen and signalling



THIS TEAM IS TOO WHIMSICAL TO BE COLLECTIVELY BUNCHED AND BE INTRODUCED TO THE GOVERNOR, OR EVEN THE QUEEN IF WE PLAYED AT LORD'S. THIS INTRODUCTORY CARD WOULD SUFFICE

## 1. M.A.K. Pataudi

Nickname 'Smith', plays practical jokes, doesn't read newspapers, runs for his life in the covers and for Parliament Hates interviews. If he forgets about the match, contact no. 2.

## 2. C.K. Nayudu

Once lost his head and hit the MCC bowlers for 13 sixes; credited with a boundary hit from one county to another in 1932; threatened to throw a cricketer overboard on the ship voyage back from England in 1936.

## 3. G.R. Vishwanath

If CK or MAK leave the field and GRV put in charge, he will recall all the previous batsmen to the crease; once he bass his square cuts will be bought by any art gallery.

## 4. Mushtaq Ali

Always accompanied by his dhobi who starches his trousers and silk shirt during intervals, great hit with the ladies Not so with the bowlers and rival captains.

### 5. K. Srikkanth

Chants 'mantras' between deliveries, chain smokes, reverse-pulls when he feels like it, runs singles backwards, drives potential 'wides' for four. Fidgety.

## 6. S. Durrani

Understatements, Moody, Genius, The only batsman for whom there are more helmets in the stands than on the ground.

## 7. M. Azharuddin

Stickler for 'halaal' meat, half-volleys and on-drives -- highly successful combination. Making fast bowlers run, for a change.

## 8. Kapil Dev

Is deep into endorsing positive cricket, lassi. squash, Nutramul, smooth cheeks, MAK Pataudi for the Bhopal constituency and some soft drink or the other. Latest nickname: Mr. India

## 9. Abid Ali

Can open the bowling and batting, field close. hit the winning run and get the vital breakthrough. Can inspire guerrilla warfare on the field Doesn't know what it is to lose heart.

## 10. Amar Singh

One of the first Indian cricketers to play the English Leagues. Hit hard and bowled cunning medium pace. One of the greatest bowlers India has produced.

## 11. Farokh Engineer

Good for a century before lunch (almost) in a Test against West Indies, a few amazing catches and innumerable Kein dikra jokes. Hilarious company between leg slip and gully

## 12. Eknath Solkar

Stood at short leg and never knew he was expected to wear an abdomen guard. When hit on the head by a batsman, there was little concern; they said he had nothing inside Cocky, witty and foolishly brilliant to regard the field as one vast swimming pool. Took some unbelievable catches courtesy the ignorance.

## 13. Bishen Bedi

Has been asked not to answer any question on behalf of the country, team, captain, manager, selector, player - and himself.

### 14. Sachin Tendulkar

Peter Pan Thank God.

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to forward short leg; if a pair got entranched then to firward short leg; if a pair got entrenched then who else but Salim that to get that breakthrough to win the match and possibly the series. If Patanidi was away on an election tour for Parliament who knows) C.K. Nayudu would not cally lead but botel his seart out as well. With Saliment Ai. Salimen Patanidi Asher, Tendulkar lea Kapil Day ground there doe enough patangul for possibly the greatest fielding side in the slaves by the gape.

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Briefsans

Wonder if Mr Haj Strage will accept my invitation to put a least sugather and bring it over to play which at the CSI, blackets, his time.

And year M. M. Strade will care to come over and write a despectional The Times of India, I will secretable to rule in messages and get him his applicables for lance. Sorry, no beer.

N any superduper sports teams down the years, you will find the essential nuts and bolts being riveted together by quiet, unsung fellows who unobtrusively get on with the job, and leave the downstage spotlight and the headline hogging to their more flamboyant comrades.

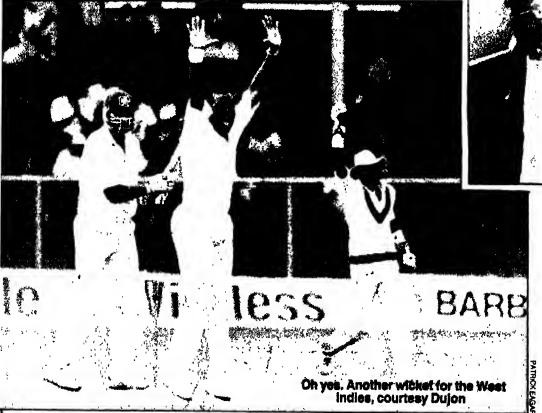
But in every great team, the glitterati always acknowledge those happier to hide their shining lights. How touching it was, for instance, when in the recent FA Cup final the hitherto unconsidered Paul Stewart upped and won the prize for the best player for Tottenham, once his housemate's halo of hype had slipped and Paul Gascoigne's crazy fouls received their awesome almost biblical, retribution.

Talking about soccer, I read the other day how England's, World Cup winning team a quarter of a century ago, this summer, themselves had voted the seemingly unnoticed and unapplauded Roger Hunt as the best player they'd had. Just as this year's England Grandslammers at rugby union will tell you that almost everything they achieved emanated from the unlauded strength and skills of the prop, Jeff Probyn.

Ask a West Indian cricketer the same question and he will point to the man in the gloves.

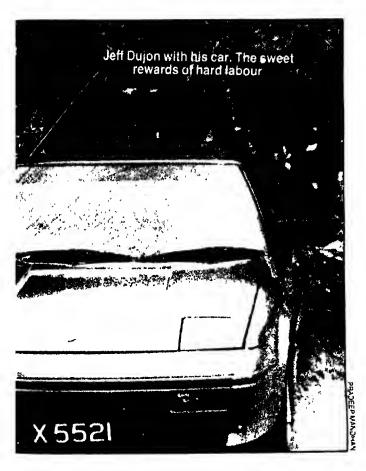
## THE FRANK KEATING COLUMN





## THE UNSUNG HEROES

The writer this week takes a look at sportsmen who are never given due recognition although their contribution is immense



Throughout the West Indies' merciless progress in the Test arenas of the world this past decade, the admirable Jeffrey Dujon has kept wicket, calmed tempers, and steadied the ship on innumerable occasions. No quotes, no exclamation marks, nothing fancy. Yet only the three contemporary "greats"—Allan Knott, Rodney Marsh, and Wasim Bari-can match his haul of victims behind the stumps.

Dujon's cool, calm temperament has been incalculably important to Vivian Richards' men. With the bat, too-averaging in his mid-30s with five Test 100s and fifteen 50s. (Knott also made 5 Test 100s. Marsh 3, and Wasim

A proud Jamaican, "the Dooj" follows compatriots like Ivan Barrow, Gerry Alexander, and Jackie Hendricks all of whom have guarded the stumps with distinction for the West Indies. Barrow scored the first-ever century by a West Indian in England, in 1933, at Old Trafford.

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Dujon turned 35 on 28 May. He puts down his success-and his elegant batting style-solely to a Welshman. At Wolmer's School, Kingston, his sportsmaster was a Mr. Ron Jones. "He remains my father-figure: he channelled any natural talent I may have been born with. He showed me that practice—and timing -was the very essence of all ball games," says Dujon.

You do not get much more—certainly nothing remotely boastful-from this composed distinguished man.

But when the Test series begins, he will (if you care to notice him) once again be seen as a vital cog in the well-oiled. finely-tuned team of champions.

**TEXACO TROPHY** 

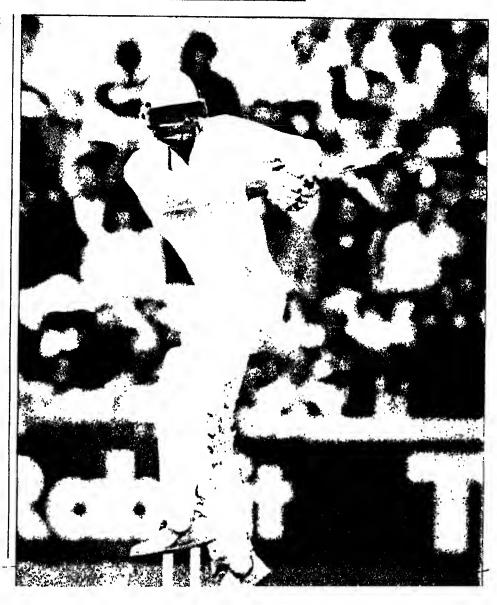
## KINGS NO MORE!

The Calypso Kings of one-day cricket have lost nine of their last ten one-day matches

HAT has happened to the Calypso kings of one-day cricket? The once mighty West Indies succumbed to their third successive defeat in a one day internationals series. when England convincingly won the Texaco trophy series 3-0 last week. Earlier this year, they lost their first one day series at home, 1-4 to the Aussies. In Nov. 1990. they also lost the one day series to Pakistan 0-3. In the last ten one day internationals, Windies have lost nine and won just one match (that too by faster scoring rate). A far cry from the all conquering era of skipper Clive Lloyd, undefeated champions of the 1975 and 1979 World Cups and winners of the WSC tournaments 'down under' in 1979-80, 1981-82 and 1984.

From the inaugural 1975
Prudential World Cup, till 1989,
the Windies were the undisputed
supremos of limited overs cricket.
Even though India and Australia
had won the 1983 and 1987 World
Cups, both winning skippers,
Kapil Dev and Alan Border agreed
that Windies were the best one day
team in the world, as they had the
best record, in limited overs series

Atherton battled, but couldn't save England



against other nations.

So what has gone wrong? T.V. expert Richie Benaud says, "The Windles have lost nine one day internationals in seven months due to the excessive number of wides and no-balls by their quickies. The current quartet are not as controlled as the foursome a decade ago." Benaud has a point. With a little more control, the West Indies could have won the Texaco Trophy 2-1. In the 1st one dayer at Edgbaston, the Windies bowlers gave away 18 wides and 16 no balls in England's winning total of 175 for nine. England won by one wicket. The Windies total of 173 for 8, in 55 overs on a slow seaming pitch would have been sufficient for victory if their bowlers had not conceded so many

The Windles did not apply themselves to the one-day serious reservations about one-day series. He considers it as lucrative net practice before large crowds

and Richard Illingworth conceded only six wides and one no-ball.

As in the 1989 Nehru Cup final vs Pakistan, at Eden Gardens, the Windies again felt the absence of a fifth bowler. Defending a small total, Richards went for wickets.

Logie looked for support but didn't find any



extras. Ironically even right arm medium pacer Phil Simmons, the fifth bowler, of the same pace as Manoj Prabhakar was guilty of wides and no-balls. In contrast England's attack of Defreitas (the best bowler of the series), Chris Lewis, Ian Botham, Derek Pringle

His pace quartet, Ambrose, Marshall, Patterson and Walsh completed their respective quotas by the fiftieth over. While in Calcutta Richards had to bowl the last over, here Simmons and Hooper had to share the last five overs, enabling Atherton (78 not

out) and debutant R. Illingworth to nudge their way to a nail-biting win. Former England opener Geoff Boycott chastised skipper Richards for faulty field placing and team selection. He said "Richards wanted to get wickets and so should have used a second slip when his pace bowlers were on. Atherton would have been out in his forties, when he nicked Ambrose to second slip. Also on a slow seaming pitch, it would have been better to have played a medium fast bowler, Hamish Anthony who relies on swing and seam, rather than Patrick Patterson."

In the second one dayer at Old Trafford, the West Indian bowlers: conceded six no balls and 14 wides. England won this match by just nine runs. So the result could have been closer with some disciplined bowling. At Old Trafford, England's total of 270, was their highest ever against the Windies in one-day cricket. Lamb's 62 from only 50 balls and a 156 runs opening stand by Gooch and England's man of the series Mike Atherton in just 30 overs helped them to this record total.

For Windies it was a case of it never rains but pours. In the 36th over, Atherton late cut Hooper past Greenidge, who fell to the ground clutching his knee. He hobbled off with strained knee ligaments. Greenidge was admitted to Violet General Hospital and doctors contemplated an operation which would mean the end of the tour for him. Already stand-by opener Clayton Lambert has been contacted. Tony Cozier feels, "Lambert should never have been omitted as he has more potential than Simmons."

A major cricketing reason for the whitewash suffered by the Windies in the 1991 Texaco Trophy was the absence of the reliable opening pair Desmond Haynes and Gordon Greenidge. Haynes missed the series with a strained back and Greenidge could not bat in the last two matches. Thus Windies highest opening partnership in the series was 34 runs by Simmons and

## **WEST INDIES IN ENGLAND:**

## ENGLAND (Batting)

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<sup>270</sup> ecored in the Second Match at Manchester, was England's highest total against West Indies in one day internationals.

Nell Fairtrother accred the only century in the Series.

## Bowling

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David Lawrence	11	1	67	4	21.75	4/67	1
<b>Gratiam Gooch</b>	18	1	77	3	25.66	1/9	á
Chris Lewis	22	3	103	4	25.75	3/62	ă
Phillip Defroits:	33	7	98	3	32.66	2/26	Ŏ
Richard Illingworth	32	3	115	3	38.33	2/53	Ŏ
Derek Pringle	27	2	130	2	65.00	2/52	Ō
Dennet Reeve	11	1	43	0	0.00		_

Bothem's 11-2-45-4 in the first match at Edgbeston was his best one day, bowling analysis,

Dujon at Old Trafford. At Edgbaston and Lord's, the opening wicket fell with the score below 10. Without Haynes, statistically the best one day player in the world, the Windies batting is like the Congress(I) without the Nehru dynasty. rudderless. (In the third one-dayer at Lord's the absence of both Haynes and Greenidge for only the fourth time since they came together was the difference between an adequate score and an imposing total on an ideal batting pitch.

With the series lost, the Windies were casual and cavalier in the third one dayer at Lord's. Brian Lara got his first chance and impressed with a compact 23. Yet

England's hero of the third one-dayer:Nell Fairbrother



surprisingly Richards did not try new pacemen Hamish Anthony and Allen, especially as Walsh, Marshall and Patterson seemed jaded and disinterested. The day belonged to England. Six foot four inch Graeme Hick and impish left hander Neil Fairbrother defied the pace quartet and in stygian light put on 213 runs in 31 overs, for the third wicket, a record stand by England in any one-day international. Fairbrother, scored a resourceful 113 off just 109 balls, the first century by an English batsman against the Windies in a one-dayer on home soil.

England are not over-elated with this Texaco Trophy triumph. They hope history does not repeat itself. In 1988, they won the Texaco trophy 3-0 but lost the test series 0-4. They could lose the Test

## **ONE-DAY AVERAGES, 1991**

## WEST INDIES (Batting)

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Vivian Richards completed his 45th helf century in one day cricket, scoring 78 runs in the Second match at Edgbeston.

## Bowling

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series again. The Windies did not apply themselves to the one dayers. Skipper Viv Richards in the summer of his electrifying career, has serious reservations about one day series. He considers it as 'lucrative net practise before large crowds. There were capacity crowds at all three one dayers, 18,500 at Edgbaston, 25,000 at Old Trafford and 30,000 at Lord's. The indifference of Richards seems to have infected his team-mates. As Boycott observed, their batting was often cavalier. He said, "They made too many Caribbean Calypso shots, hitting off the backfoot or across the line on pitches where the ball was swinging and seaming. Their batsmen rarely angled or nudged for singles or opened the blade to run the ball to vacant positions. The application was missing. In

Tests they will take time to construct their innings."

When the Test series begin, there will be slips, gullies and short legs. The Windies bowlers are innocuous without close fielders. It will then be a real test of the temperament and technique of Lamb, Atherton, Hick and others. There will be no tampering with the interpretation of wides and regulations will not deprive Windies of the bouncer. For the three one-day games, their fast bowlers were limited to hand-grenades with rusted pins.

Still there were lessons for the one-time Calypso Kings of the one day games. Four fast bowlers unless they have the accuracy of a Garner, Holding or Marshall are redundant, as one-day internationals impose too many restrictions. Also the one day

game is for a young mobile side which can hurry between wickets and hustle the opposition in the field. Australia have grasped this essential need and so won the 1987 World Cup and a majority of internationals since then. As chairman of England's selectors Ted Dexter said, "Since the Nehru semis in 1989, England lost 18 out of 22 one-dayers as we picked the wrong sides. We now realise that a one-day team is different from a Test team. For the one-dayers athletic fielders and quick runners, like Fairbrother, Hick, Ramprakash, Defreitas and Lewis are essential "

Unless Windies change their thinking the 1991-2 World Cup will be the first one day tournament in which they will not be favourites for the title.

Novy Kapadia, London

## TENNIS RACKETS!

Interesting trivia from the tennis world

## PAM, FOR A GOOD CAUSE

OTH the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) and the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) support various charities. But few do more in this respect than pro Pam Shriver. Every year she stages a Pam Shriver Charity Tennis Festival which over the last five years has raised nearly \$900,000. Most of the money goes to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a children's hospital and the Greater Baltimore Tennis Patrons. After a recent exhibition in Baltimore, Monica Seles and Jennifer Capriati made personal donations of \$10,000 each to the overall fund.

## THANKS FOR THE ROLL!

HE ITALIAN OPEN was not without its share of drama. Blame it on the Italians. The quarterfinals were in full swing and so also was Alberto Mancini's head. He was still trying to figure out how the heck he was 0-6, 5-4 and 30-15 down to Mark Koevermans of the Netherlands. Not that he had much time left to sort things out anyway. Fate had really ditched him... or had she?

Koeverman who was till so far having a whale of a time, was about to hit an easy overhead smash when a bread roll flew out of the stands and landed square on Mancini's noggin'. That did it! That smash could have given Koevermans two match points and a more or less comfortable lead against Mancini.

Post match analysis: the umpire ruled a let and Mancini recovered to win.

## AN INVESTMENT IN TENNIS

ENNIS in Germany Is big business, thank you Boris and Steffi. It does, however, have its own minus points. Parents are treating their children like commodities or, valuable



investments. An example to this is a certain Mr. Peter Haas, a tennis coach based in Freising, near Munich.

Haas has floated a company, namely Tossa Limited, the sole alm being to turn his 12-year-old son Thomas and 15-year-old daughter Sabine Into tennis pros. Haas' concept is clear: he needs sponsors, and he's not doing too badly. Fifteen people have invested £3,300 each for five years on his siblings and in return they have a 15 year entitlement to a percentage of whatever the youngsters may earn in the

process making it big time.

But what if the kids don't make it. The investors stand to lose a lot. Dad Peter is not worried. He claims, "Investors have merely put in their pocket money with unlimited profit possibilities. "I am sure that Sabine and Thomas will make it. They were assessed by my first sponsors BMW and Lufthansa who provided the working capital of £250,000. These organisations are committed to increasing the yield of a tennis professional. Above all they will take care of the health and welfare of their investment." No wonder, with such security people are lining up in droves. But somewhere

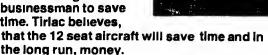


along the line Haas' motives are being questioned.

## MONEY TALKS, TIRIAC WALKS

ON TIRIAC may not have won many titles during his playing career but he sure is a financial success. Tiriac more well known as Becker's manager is a man without financial

worries. Never one to be upstaged in entrepreneurial matters, he has negotiated to purchase his own let. He has already bought a bank and a hotel franchise in Rumania. The jet does not possess the whims or trappings of a rich man, instead It helps the hard pressed tennis manager cum businessman to save time. Tirlac believes.





## SOME BALD FACTS

E'RE letting you have a bit of fashion also. The things that tennis players will do to get noticed. Like for example, Guy Forget and Jacob Hlasek. Both these guys had mutually agreed to do something really outrageous if they reached the finals of the ATP Doubles Championships in Sanctuary Cove, Australia. Forget had already planned on what to do and he did it in advance. Hlasek fresh from his success at Wembley, got a shock when he arrived at Heathrow and linked up with his partner. Hlasek found that the Frenchman had completely shaved his head.

By the time they had arrived in Brisbane, Forget persuaded his partner to do the same. The next morning, the organisers received a hilarious shock when the duo arrived at practice not only bare-headed but also bare-chested.

## NOT A PENNY MORE, NOT A PENNY LESS

NOTHER East European tennis player who is a success story is Poland's Wojtek Fibak. The best known and most successful Polish player since the advent of open terms, Fibak is not confining his interests to tennis only. In addition to his work as Davis Cup captain. Fibak has just bought Poland's leading daily sports newspaper. He also owns a weekly news magazine and is a leading member of a consortium forming a new private television company.

He has also been appointed Poland's honorary Consul to Monte Carlo The reason for his quick rise to fame Fibak is a frequent table tennis partner for Lech Walesa

From Novy Kapadia, London

ENNIS player selected for People magazine's annual "50 Most Beautiful People" issue: Gabriela Sabatini.

THE most critical stroke in tennis, according to renowned teaching professional Dennis Van der Meer: Return of serve.

OW father-coach Charles Lenglen, a severe taskmaster, punished 1920s superstar Suzanne Lenglen when she practised badly: He gave her bread without iam and berated her on the court in front of others.

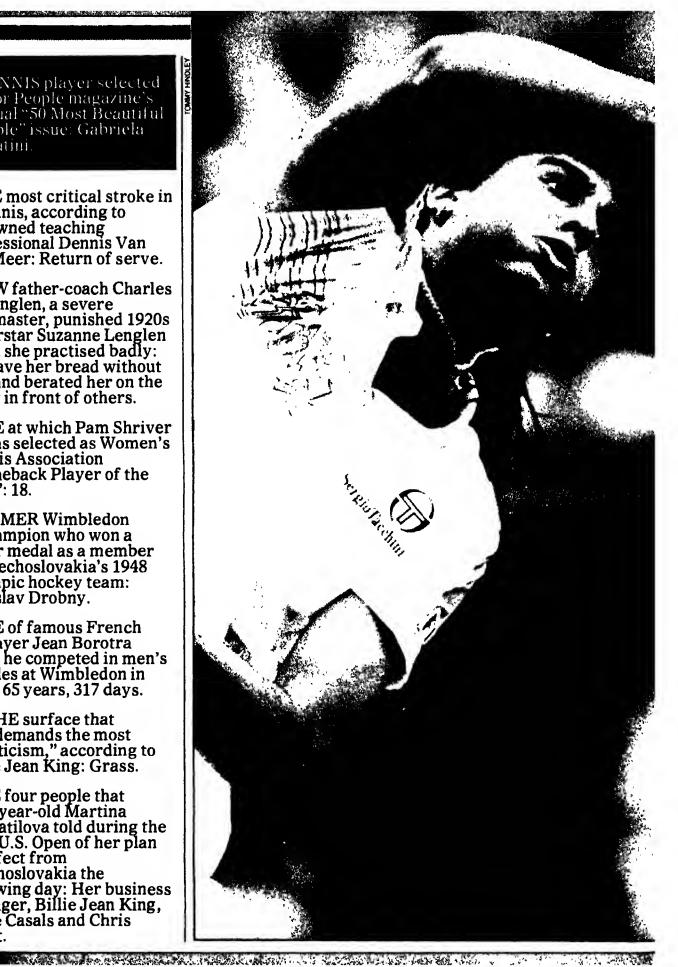
AGE at which Pam Shriver was selected as Women's Tennis Association "Comeback Player of the vear": 18.

CORMER Wimbledon champion who won a silver medal as a member of Czechoslovakia's 1948 Olympic hockey team: Jaroslav Drobny.

GE of famous French player Jean Borotra when he competed in men's doubles at Wimbledon in 1964: 65 years, 317 days.

**THE surface that** demands the most athleticism," according to Billie Jean King: Grass.

HE four people that 17-year-old Martina Navratilova told during the 1975 U.S. Open of her plan to defect from Czechoslovakia the following day: Her business manager, Billie Jean King, Rosie Casals and Chris Evert.





OW 18 year-old
American Linda Siegel's
picture made the British
tabloids at Wimbledon in
1979 Her breasts popped
out of her lowcut tennis
dress

WHAT Arthur Ashe predicted for Bjorn Borg, who never won the U S Open, just before the 1981 tournament "It's just a matter of time He'll win it, and not just once, but several times"

MOUNT of money that former Wimbledon semifinalist Slobodan Zivojinovic, who finished 1990 ranked No 304, bet a friend that he can return to the top 30 in the world within 12 months \$100,000

OW much charity work 1987 Wimbledon champion Pat Cash says he does: "Probably twice as much as any other player."



TOMMY HINDLE

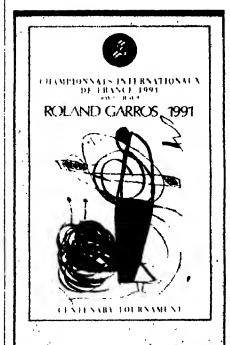
## TENNIS TRIVIA

UMBER of the past seven Wimbledon boys' singles championships winners and runner-ups who are cui rently ranked in the world's top 35 0

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# Lessons for Goran from Jimmy



Goran Ivanisevic could do with some lessons on courage from Jimmy Connors ARIS in summer.
Some things change
Seles has a new
haircut, McDaddy
McEnroe loses everything but his
cool, must be his new baby
daughter; no-one cries 'Yaa-neek'
anymore because Noah is busting
it up in a city recording studio;
Cashy is around, good to see you
mate, even one win on clay makes
his day; Sampras beats Muster
after two sets down, which must
have made many doubting
Thomas' shake their head and lose

It is Ivanisevic's reputation as a tanker, a guy disinterested when he's losing, which is the most disturbing aspect



their bets.

Paris in summer.

Some things never change
The clay is still red with the
blood of its victims; Wilander still
can't hack it, now his guitar
strings make better music than
his racket strings; and yes. Goran
lvanisevic is still losing when he
shouldn't and Jimmy Connors is
still winning when he shouldn't.

Goran is 19. He is exactly half Jimmy Jimbo's age and 6 inches taller. How come then, that Jimbo runs more and reaches higher

standards?

Ivanisevic plays Haarhuis, best known for dumping McEnroe at the US Open some years ago. Easy meat. Which is why Ivanisevic loses in straight sets. Connors plays Agenor, a Haitian who can do good magic on clay. Tough guy. Which is why Connors wins two sets, loses two sets, and finds air in his lungs to win the fifth

Now who would have thought that Ivanisevic is coming through the 'In' door of world tennis while Connors is supposed to be halfway through the 'Out' door? Connors must be looking at Ivanisevic and wishing he had those legs; a good trade if Jimbo gave some of his guts to Goran.

The problem with Goran Ivanisevic says tennis pundit Ion Tiriac, 'is in his head'. Maybe the problem is that there is nothing in it. So he used to throw and break rackets as a kid and get thrown out of tournaments. Big deal.

Even Mac did that. Difference is

Mac threw his racket, scowled, picked it up and hit a drop volley that collapsed on impact.

Nope, Ivanisevic has an attitude problem. Temperament, fellows. He says, "I know I make mistakes. Unbelievable ones. But I can also play unbelievable when I do what I'm supposed to". But it's Ivanisevic's reputation as a tanker, a guy disinterested when he's losing, a player with no heart, which is the most disturbing aspect

At the 1990 US Open he led Aussie, Darren Cahill, two sets to one, lost the fourth set in a tie-breaker and tanked the fifth 0-6 While Ivanisevic admitted to a stunned press that he had actually 'tanked', Cahill bluntly surmised. "It was a pretty poor effort on his part". Now, eight months later, Haarhuis was saying the same thing "He could have tried a little harder"

"Poor effort" and "not trying" are phrases which fit Connors as well as a priest's collar would fit McEnroe. No way, you get the feeling that when God was distributing courage he gave Connors a second helping by mistake

Through the past six months
Connors form has been so
indifferent, his physical
deterioration so obvious, that
everyone, me included, have been
brave enough to suggest he quit
Which makes sense till Connors
goes five sets on clay with a
former quarter finalist and wins.
Then everyone looks
stupid—Connors sort of likes
making everyone look stupid.

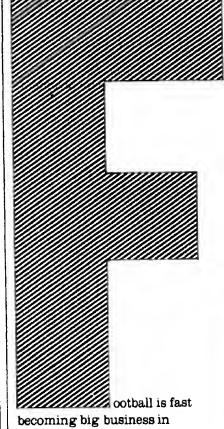
Three years ago I watched him come back at Wimbledon 1987 from 1-6, 1-6, 1-4 against Mikael Pernfors to win. That was something. This is something else. Then he said, "There was no way I was going to quit. I'd leave the court on my knees if I had to". Four years hence he is saying the same thing: "Once I get into a fight it is just a matter of being able to come up with something to win the match. And that's the way I have played my whole career. I like it".



You get the feeling that when God was distributing courage he gave Connors a second helping by mistake Connors has missed the last five Grand Slams since the US Open 1989, either injured or commentating. Four months away from his 39th birthday you wonder what spirit lives within him. One thing's for sure. Ivanisevic ain't got it.

## FOOTBALL'S BENE

Europe's top
tycoons invade
football...pump in
huge amounts of
cash...to control
their favourite
clubs...gratify
their soccer
passions



becoming big business in Europe with clubs floating shares and being sponsored by consortiums. And now superstars like A.O. Farug Glof have emerged.

Glof is not a player, nor a coach or physio, but a business magnate who spends a fortune for football bliss. There was this old cliche: behind every successful man there is a woman. The modern version could be behind every successful football club there is a wealthy business magnate.

For example the newly crowned Italian league champions Sampdoria are dependent entirely on the ambition, drive and fortunes of Paolo Mantovani, the shipping and oil refinery magnate. European Champions' Cup finalists Marseilles have

reached the top due to the financial manipulations of the paradoxical and eccentric. socialist millionaire, Bernard Tapie. A.C. Milan became the greatest club in the world only after T.V. magnate Silvio Berlusconi utilised his wealth to buy the best players in the world, the Dutch trio, Gullit, Van Basten and Rijkaard and a host of top Italians, Maldini, Baresi and Donadoni. Juventus have won more league titles than any club in Italy due to the generosity of the Fiat family, the Agnellis. Between them, Agnelli and Berlusconi have recently spent 1000 million U.S. dollars on soccer talent

The Italian Medicci of Yore supported artists like



By NOVY KAPADIA, London

## VOLENT DESPOTS

Raphael in

Florence. The modern Mediccis, the business magnates, support and sponsor football clubs. The motivations are similar: passion and fame.

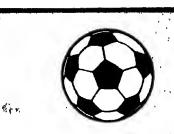
Even in conservative England, business tycoons are taking over. F.A Cup champions Tottenham Hotspur got enough money to purchase stars like Gary Lineker, Paul Gascoigne (now moving to Lazio) in Italy, thanks to a new breed of soccer businessmen led by millionaire Irwing Scholar. Elsewhere in Europe also, financial and political power is used for footballing success. In Spain. Real Madrid relied on its wealthy president Santiago Bernabeu for patronage during its

halcyon days. Rivals Barcelona are supported by Jose Luis Nunez and PSV Eindhoven have the financial backing of the multinational Philips and support of millionaire Jacques Ruts

interestingly, the involvement of these millionaires in football is passionate and total. The best example is provided by Sampdoria's president Mantovani. After the Genoa-based club won the Italian 1st division league title for the first time, Mantovani was complimented by arch rival Gianni Agnelli, the Juventus chairman Agnelli, whose Fiat fortune had transformed Juventus into Italy's most prestigious club, said "I Like Mantovani He knows every muscle of every player lt's half his life, the best half I have never known a man give so much of his time and passion to soccer "

Agnelli is right. Mantovani has subordinated everything other than family to his beloved Sampdoria and football. Even his bedside lamp is decorated in pale blue, the club colours, and he has been their president and paymaster for a decade. His passion for his club is immense He collapsed with a heart attack during a match at Cagliari and was only saved by quadruple by pass surgery He is a life-long diabetic and doctors have constantly advised him to curtail his high state of anxiet / and involvement with Sampdoria Mantovani's reply is revealing "Except for my four children. nothing in my life evokes so much emotion as Sampdoria Emotion would be a part of my life, in any case, so football is just the vehicle. if you love something like this, you cannot resist it

Taple hired Beckenbauer (left) to coach his squad for \$1 million-plus a year





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HE son of a Rome electrician, Paolo Mantovani became a billionaire by borrowing from the bank to buy a writtenoff tanker and then building Italy's biggest oil tanker fleet in the 1960's and 1970's.

The club was in division 2, when Mantovani spent seven billion Lira (about 5.5 million dollars) from his own pocket to buy young players. He had a wise head for football talent. The teenagers he bought on sheer potential are today household names: the talented forwards Gianluca Vialli and Roberto Mancini and defender Pietro Vierchowood.

He paid 3.2 billion lira for Mancini and Vialli when they were 17 years old. Now both are established internationals and helped Mantovani's dream come true, as Sampdoria won the Italian

**Gary Lineker: great expectations** 





Championship for the first time Creditably, Sampdoria won by nurturing Italian talent and not expensive foreign talent. The only foreigners in the squad are USSR's midfielder Alexei Mikhailichenko and Brazilian veter an Tonnillo Cerezo and wily coach the Yugoslav Vujadin Boskov Mantovani is both a patriot and a dreamer With the patience of the biblical Job, he worked years to overcome Agnelli' and Berluscom and win the Italian Championship During these years he curtailed his involvement in business to realise his football. dream Truly a remarkable man.

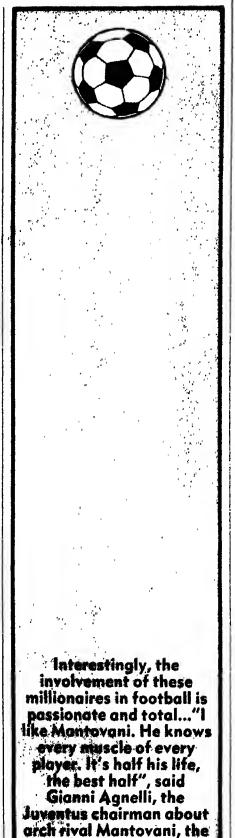
N nearby France another self made millionaire is about to fulfil a dream. Bernard Tapie, the president of Marseille hopes to achieve a rare treble. He hopes that by June, Marseille will become the first French chib to have won the French League, Cup and European Champions' Cup.

Tapie is a social and financial phenomenon. Now 46 he grew up in the Paris suburbs where his father worked as a boilerman Tapie's first job was hauling coal sacks during school holidays. He was a failed pop singer. As a television salesman he made money and launched his career as an industrialist. Now he has business interests, in health food, batteries, SDI lendings, weighing machines and televisions.

He indulges in the trappings of fame, owning a helicopter, a yacht, an executive jet and a Porsche. Last year, he bought the German sportswear giant Adidas for 160 million pounds. His personal fortune is estimated at 100 million British pounds and he owns about 50 companies.

A sports fanatic, Tapie has a cycle racing team in the prestigious Tour de France, a tennis equipment company Donnay and is president of Marseilles. In spite of wealth and success, Tapie also has a dream





president of Sampdoria



Agnelli: obsessed with soccer





and a passion; football. He could not play much in his youth, so he supports Marseilles and wanted them to become the first French club to win the coveted European Champions' Cup He has spent around 25 million British pounds, on his players in the last four years. The players will get a bonus of 1.65 million pounds, if they win the European Champions' Cup. Tapie has the riches. Now he wants his football club Marseilles

to give him a place in history.

UT there are failures amongst the new breed of soccer businessmen also. A noticeable example is Spurs in England. In 1983, the Spurs board with Irwing Scholar as chairman and Paul Bobroff as assistant, formed a holding company and floated it on the stock exchange.

Financial writers lauded this new venture, it was a trend for the future. Irwing Scholar, a millionaire tax exile in south of France, became over-ambitious. He tried re-shaping the club. The board diversified. U.K. distribution rights for Hummel, a Danish leisurewear manufacturer, were secured in 1985, Martex women swear and Stumps sportswear were bought in 1987 and a 75 per cent stake in Synchro systems, a computer software firm. In 1987 shareholders of Spurs received a dividend, though small, of 4 pence

Venables, a former Spurs' player, arrived as manager in November 1987 laneker was bought from Barcelona for 1-1 million pounds and Gascoigne for 2 million pounds from Newcastie United

Happy days were ahead for Spurs But sadly for Scholar and his board, the business ventures flopped Hummel lost 268,000 pounds and Martex and Stumps also lost money: A total loss at about 5 million pounds Moreover, the cost of a new stand also escalated. And as a result of all this now Spurs are on the verge of bankruptcy. They own Midlands Bank 11 million pounds and have other liabilities.

Spurs now hope to overcome their financial crises by the sale of Paul Gascoigne and on the sale and lease back of their ground White Hart Lane. Still, with the players bought from their early wealth, Spurs won the 1991 F.A. Cup. So, even in the financial loss there was a silver lining.



In France, another self-made millionaire is about to fulfil a dream...A sports fanatic, Tapie has a cycle racing team in the prestigious Tour de France, a tennis equipment company Donnay and is president of Marseilles. In spite of wealth and success Tapie has a dream and a passion: football...



## IS ZOLA READY

BLOOM?

Married. Smiling. Confident. Vibrant This is a new Zola. Putting the traumatic post-Los Angeles '84 years behind her, this courageous South African is all set to give off her best

## August '84: The Los Angeles Olympics:

The 3000m race is in progress Zola Budd barefoot grimacing, eyes concentrated on the track in front of her is leading the pack Just behind her is American Mary Decker At the 1600m mark Decker accelerates to move past Budd But tragically her legs hits Budd's and she loses balance She trips and falls on the grass verge beside the track The crowd rises up in horror But there is nothing they can do Decker's race is over She has pulled a thigh muscle in the fall and cannot walk

The Olympic dieam is over for her As for Budd she is now subject to the vituperative boos of the spectators of the stadium A shaken Budd begins to weep but continues to run But there is no longer any concentration or desire in her running She finished a dismal seventh The Olympic Games is also over for Zola Budd

## May,'91. Johannesberg

Zola Pietriese (nee Budd) is smiling as journalists accost her after her fine run in a 3000m race here Her time is impressive 8 35 72

This is just seven seconds outside her best time for the event She has put on more weight now The cheeks are chubbier the hair hangs ın loose curls around her shoulders and most importantly the voice has changed It is vibrant, confident and bold a far cry from the whisper with which she used to talk to journalists earlier She is older now, but young for a middle distance runner 24 years And as South Africa slowly

Zola Budd taking part in a 3000m race. Keeping her company is Romania's Maricica Pulca



makes its way back into the international athletic mainstream, there is every chance that she might represent the country in the World Athletics championships in Tokyo later this year

LL this is going through her mind as journalists pester her with questions Standing a few feet away is her

husband Michael
Pietriese—she runs
under the name of Zola
Pietriese now -a
confident smiling man

When Budd fled Britain in May '88 she was emotionally shattered and depressed. The object of virulent anti-apartheid protestors who had all but brought her career to an end, she returned to Bloomfontein.





Zola Budd in 1984

determined never to run again But Michael Pietriese changed all that

She married the hotel and liqueur store owner in mid 89 and by August '89 Zola Pietriese set off on her first run A few weeks later she took part in a 10 kms race and finished it in 37 minutes. That was a surprise to me she recalled. I felt good after that race. I felt that there was a chance for me once again.

She once again began to run but this time with no aim or purpose in mind Running for the sake of running running for the sheer pleasure of it Running because it was something that she loved very much

And today in her second year of track training in South Africa she is already South Africa's brightest prospect for a medal in the 3000m

But it is the cross count; y championships that she is setting her eyes upon 'That was the only race I ran undisturbed' She said 'I enjoyed winning those championships' Zola had twice won the cross country championships—in '85 and '88 which is regarded as the highest symbol of supremacy in

distance running To win it twice shows an athlete of rare calibre

She is also a person of rare calibre. When asked about those times when she was heckled and booed she smiled and said, 'Those things belong to the past. What has happened, has happened. Now things have changed. There is hope for me. There is hope for South Africa. And that is the most important thing.'

There is a smile on her face as she says this. It is obvious that she has forgiven and forgotten everything The past is to be buried completely There is no point in wallowing in it The present is what she will be paying attention to And if the future indicates a medal at an international competition there is nothing wrong ii. that It would be a vindication of her undoubted talent

Yet there is still a wariness in her There is a fear that too much of commutment to athletics could lead to danger To pain Soshe says, 'My marriage is more important to me than anything else I am also studying computer programming which is also important Athletics is down the line In the past, I was obsessed with athletics but my attitude now is to feel good about myself I do not need athletics any more '

That may be so But the way she is running now, it is obvious that she has the potential to win Zola Pietriese might not need South African athletics, but South African athletics sure needs her

**Ashwin Thomas** 

OU were 17 then and couldn't wait till the day you turned 18. Cos then you would become an adult and you could do a lot of things that were adults only! It was at this juncture of your life that someone offered you the first cigarette. You did it then, just for the heck of it. You did it to feel a 'man'. And since that day you've been puffing at the tobacco stick. You started off to be a part of the scene but then as time went by you realised that you were addicted to the nicotine.

Now, every time you feel stressed, you reach out for the cigarette. You're bored, you light yet another cigarette. Familiar situations? You bet they are. But when it comes to the hazards of smoking you think you've heard it all. Well, actually you haven't. Did you know that a person who smokes one pack a day for ten years stands a greater risk of contracting lung cancer, than a person who smokes four packs a day for five years? You probably did not know that more persons die from smoking induced cardio- vascular diseases than from cancer. And you may not have realised that quitting smoking has immediate benefits on the heart.

It has been estimated that a good 20% of the deaths in the U.S are caused by smoking. Compared to this, the second most common reason is alcohol related deaths but this accounts to a mere 3%. The economic cost of smoking is also



# STUB IT OUT!

staggering and once you are habituated to the effects of nicotine on the body then you are bound to have the cigarette even if it means cutting down financially on more important aspects of life

More and more people are getting addicted to this drug and the reason for this is that the nicotine affects the brain, real fast. Researchers are still bewildered (after years of studying the results) about the actual way in which nicotine affects the brain. Sometimes the nicotine induces sleep At other times it helps you keep awake. The effects of nicotine may be debatable but the ill effects of smoking does not leave any scope for debate.

Smoking and lung cancer. The increased risk of lung cancer is the most recognised of the evils of smoking The surprising thing about this disease is that it does not develop till 20 or more years after one has started smoking. This long latency explains the fact as to why it takes nearly a generation for the results to become visible when one is doing population studies. Lung cancer has always

been the most common cause of deaths among men. Now, surprisingly, this has spread even to the other sex, beating the previous most common cause breast cancer.

Smokers have a 10 to 20% greater chance of contracting lung cancer than non-smokers. Studies prove that the duration of smoking is the main risk factor and not the amount smoked or the degree of inhalation. However,

duration that causes heart disease. Acually it happens this way: Cigarette smoke diminishes the blood carrying capacity of the blood, it can raise blood pressure, and the worst part introduces toxins into the blood stream. Although the mechanism is not quite clear it does have an acute effect on the heart muscles. The cessation of smoking, no matter how long you've smoked for has an immediate

however does not totally undo the harm done to the lungs. Lung cancer develops when the smoke acts on the basic structure of the DNA of the cell turning a normal cell into a malignant cancerous cell over a period of time. However the lung cancer rates show a significant drop in a couple of years after one has stopped smoking.

Persistance and motivation. These are the two most vital. ingredients that you'll need when you plan to give up. There are many techniques like the buddy systems where you pair up with a smoker who also wants to give up smoking and both of you motivate each other to keep off it, making a public pledge, increasing physical activity, and even changing your diet.

## THE HEALTH COLUMN

lung cancer is not the only disease induced by smoking. Smoking also increases substantially the risks of cancer of the larynx, mouth, esophagus and also induces cancer of the kidney, bladder, stomach and cervix in women.

Smoking and haart diseasa. In this aspect, unlike the one written of earlier it is the amount smoked and not the benefit on the heart.

The benefits of quitting.

Many people are still under the impression that once they have started smoking it is futile to quit because the harm has already been done. Research has indicated that the smoking induced heart diseases are cut down immediately after one has quit smoking. Quitting smoking

Motivation to quit is the single greatest predictor of success

But remember one very crucial thing. Don't fool yourself saying that you'll quit after cutting down on the intake. It won't work that way. Get out of the habit the 'cold turkey' way. After you've decided to quit, don't reach out for another one.

STUB IT OUT ALTOGETHER.

### **BACK FIRE**

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GENOVEVA, a
Catholic nun,
known as
Barcelona's Mother
Teresa has been left
almost unaided by the
city authorities to tackle
endemic problems of
drug abuse, prostitution
and homelessness.

She is angered by Barcelona's multi-billion dollar face lift for the Olympics, which she claims has absorbed cash that should have been used to help clean up the deprivation on the city streets.

Backing up her claim she said, "Our city is pumping millions of dollars into construction for the Olympics, but has shoved aside the problems of thousands of drug addicts and homeless who grow in number every day. "These Games were supposed to create better living standards in our city, but so far we have seen only cosmetic changes."

When next summer's prestigious Olympics begin, Barcelona may well find it difficult to hide its social problems from the visitors.

### SOCCER OR STOCK EXCHANGE

ASTHE English soccer season draws to a close, two of the country's glitziest soccer clubs have, for contrasting reasons, won the attention of the London financial community.

A merchant banker has been touring the city institutions to promote

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# SPORTING TO SPORTI

the floatation of profitable, cash rich Manchester United shares in the London Terry Venables, manager of 'Tottering Spurs' comes to the rescue of his club



Stock Exchange. While the merchant banker was knocking on doors, the board of Tottenham Hotspurs, better known to their fans as 'Tottering Spurs', considered a rescue offer from a syndicate led by the team's manager, Terry Venables. According to the rescue terms, Venable's syndicate Endonotte, would buy up 35 per cent of the stakes.

The conflicting fortunes of the two clubs springs not from quality of management on the ground, but from the competency incompetency of the board.

### **PUSHING HONDA?**

POR ALL you guys who freak out on foreign cars and can't make up your mind what to buy, here is a recommendation from the fastest man in the world. Ayrton Senna.

The 31-year-old Brazilian is very particular about the car he drives and he has driven almost all the top-of-the-line sports cars. He said, "It is always a pleasure for me to talk about cars. I've loved many, but as it happens with sentimental attachments, the last is the one I love the most. It is the Honda NSX, and I didn't choose it because I drive for the Honda McLaren team. The NSX is the best compromise between advanced technology and pleasure in driving."

Emphasising on the performance of the car, he continued, "It is a high performance sports car and touches 270 kmph. At the same



Speed freak Ayrton Senna recommends the Honda NXS

time it is a car in which you can peacefully make your way through the traffic, although you need to pay attention to its dimensions."

And for a man who is used to bullying his way around the track he

admits, "As a driver I'm prudent. On the one hand there is the track, on the other the ordinary roads. In a Grand Pr.x everyone knows each other. In traffic you can come across reckless drivers."

Recalling the other fast cars he has used Senna said, "Every model has its charm. I have driven the Ferrari F40, extraordinary in its styling. All the Mercedes, Jaguar and Porches, each has left me with something."

Well there you are guys....time to go shopping!

### **ANOTHER PRODIGY**

HE IS five years old and hardly measures

four feet in height. But watch him on a tennis court and you would be amazed at his ball sense and tenacity. We are talking about Karan Rastogi.

According to his coach, the student from Jamnabai Narsee School in Bombay, has tremendous potential and extraordinary ball sense. He has a very simple ambition, he wants to be like Boris Becker when he grows up.

The big question is. that in a country like ours where there are thousands of child prodigies who burn cut at an early age, will he make it?

### **SPONSORING VICE!**

WHAT WITH cigarette companies being forced to move out of sponsoring sporting events, the new lot that have broken into the scene are the brewers. It seems to suit their purpose because no sport is worth watching if you can't have a six-pack next to you to swig from

Carlsberg, the beer company, has signed an agreement to sponsor the 1992 European Football Championships and also the European Cup finals for the next four years.

They were the key sponsors of Italia '90 and this year they have consolidated their sponsorship by also going into basketball and athletics.

Well it is a case of promoting one vice for the other! ●

### 'THE ALIYSA

The longest-running, most bitter, most expensive inquiry conducted by the British Jockey Club which resulted in the Aga Khan, owner of 90 horses, to withdraw all of them from British racing

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playboy or man
with a mission?
Whatever view
you take of the
Aga, his
decision to boycott
British racing will hit
the sport hard.

Ninety horses—split equally between Luca Cumani and Michael Stoute, both of whom have trained Derby winners for the Aga—are now being trained in France or Ireland. All because of a row over the discovery of a tiny trace of a camphor metabolite in one of his horses nearly 18 months ago.

Camphor is, of course, a prohibited substance under Jockey Club Rules and because of that the Jockey Club's Disciplinary Committee had no choice, but to disqualify Aliysa from the 1989 Oaks, the first time a Classic winner had been disqualified for a positive post-race test.

But rather than being a straightforward case of acting on the rules, the 'Aliysa affair' has become the

longest-running, most bitter, most expensive inquiry the Jockey Club has ever had to deal with.

That is mainly due to the attitude of Aliysa's owner, the Aga Khan. who had proved a long time before Aliysa was officially disqualified from the Oaks on November 21 last year—18 months after winning the race—that he was prepared to fight against a decision he didn't believe in.

Few owners of racehorses can afford to conduct such lengthy, costly campaigns as the Aga Khan. When he announced his withdrawal from Britain, he said he hoped people who had not been able to afford to fight disqualifications through camphor would "one day benefit as a result of my action." Such comments would seem to suggest he was a 'man with a mission.'

But since he announced his departure, which will cost British racing millions and mean that some stable lads lost their jobs, the Aga Khan has come in for

Flashback: The 1989 Oaks. The Aga Khan's horse Allysa, in the lead which was banned



### AFFAIR?

some pretty heavy criticism. The basic argument of his critics based on a cricket analogy; he shouldn't take his bat away when he feels there has been a bad decision; the rules are the rules and he should have stuck to them.

The Aga Khan couldn't accept the scientific findings of the internationally renowned and trusted Horseracing Forensic Laboratory, so he set about proving them wrong. The HFL, in turn, couldn't accept the findings of the Aga's experts. The arguments were complicated, often baffling, and resulted in one thing only stalemate.

"I personally cannot expose myself to a repeat of this situation I cannot do it for myself, or for anyone else in English racing, for the matter. I shall not have any horses trained here and I shall not run any horses here. It is not possible to race under such unscientific management," the Aga

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Khan explained.

"The Jockey Club is an authority that administers the rules and discredits those who break them. Therefore they must be as competent as anyone in their field in the world. I am not convinced they are

"I felt very sad about arriving at my decision. I love my racing in England and the possible prospect of never having another runner in the Derby causes a degree of hurt. But if, at the end of the day, English racing's scientific management and disciplinary administration are improved then it will have been worthwhile.

"The Jockey Club must apply the parameters of good scientific management that apply in other sports. The day they satisfy my scientists that they have done that, my horses will return to race in England."

He concluded: "We had already proved the flaws in the HFL testing procedures, which they admitted, after the case, were not as sophisticated, thorough and refined as those employed by my scientists."

The Jockey Club, in turn, simply responded; "The stewards have complete confidence in the testing procedures of the HFL and in the advice they receive from the Horseracing Scientific Committee. They regret that the Aga Khan has felt it necessary to remove his horses from the country."

Stalemate in a dispute where there were no winners, only losers.

### LADIES GOLF CLUB CENTENARY

T was time to uncork the champagne, and let the bubbly flow. The occasion ... the Calcutta Ladies Golf Club celebrated its centerary ostensibly.

May 7, 1891, a dozen influching English indies paineered the first fold club for the fairer er in British India, by pitching a canvas tent because it has always been a rule that no permanent stuctures are allowed on the Calcutta maidan. The CLGC is rituated in one of the most beautiful spots on the maidan half poncealed by tall trees and it now has a fairly tough little nine-hole triangle' course near he historical Fort William.

The area was previously a croquet awn, when the ladies took over they immediately extended their activity and the chan from the initial nine poles to the standard 18. But the ladies enjoyed the pleasure of playing the full round of 18 only tall World War II. For after the War, the military which took over the maidan area restored only a nine hold portion of the club and that is how it stands brday.

Earlier the Fort William authorities had given the nod in 1931 to convert it into a wooden edifice, courtesy members' subscriptions of As. 2,000. And what is more surprising is that the structure built on whaels, still exists.



### THELADIES

The wheels are there because the rules insisted that every tent on the maidan be 'moveable' objects.

The club first came into prominence during Lord Curzon's Viceroyship (and his wife was the first lady to make a donation towards the tent), when it hosted the inaugural All India Ladies Amateur Golf Championship over the Old Course of the Calcutta Golf Club: Lady Curzon and the wife of the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, Lady Fraser were very active members in the first championship's success.

In 1924, the CLGC was affiliated to the Ladies Golf Union. The late twenties saw the membership spiral to such an extent that the Royal Calcutta Golf Club came to their resous by asking them to transfer the tournaments to the



Believe it or not, in those days, drinking water had to be brought to the club from the RCGC pavilion across the road, while for washing and toilet purposes a bhisti' was employed



new course granting them the use of the course three days a week. The year 1953. probably was a year of record membership-nearly 450 golfers, which included ladies of many nationalities. Believe it or not, in those days, drinking water had to be brought to the club from the RCGC pavilion across the road, while for washing and toilet purposes a 'bhisti' was employed. However, the water problem was solved a couple of years later by the sinking of a tubewell. And the petromax lanterns which had given good service to the 'mobile' tent were finally put out in 1966 with the installation of electricity.

The ladies club now organises many exciting competitions (Governor's Cup, Burdwan Cup sto.) besides the sli-India



### view of the Galcutte Ladies Golf Ckib

them ample scope to play for prize competitions. And the competitions are scheduled according to school holidays. Besides the club has many other programmes.

A year before the inaugural Duncans Cup (1970), the lady golfers in this state endeavoured to form the Ladies Section IGU on . December 28. Initially the demand of the Ladies Section, prompted little

when the number of the golders in India spared to a great extent and the idea took shape: tose of forming a separa organisation for the ladies, it was consider that there should be a Ladies section in the Indian Golf Unio affiliated to the World Golf Council: The lacks then became eligible to become associate members of the IGU at nominal annual .:

### CALCU

tournament. And the biggest gathering was the mixed team 32-hole-bogey Stableford Duncans Cup in aid of the jawans' families welfare fund. In fact, the CLGC is prominently known for its charity.

The club has proved conspicuously a very good promoter of golf amongst girls, giving

Ashok Malik, former national champion and Royal captain, awarding the trophy to Vandana Agarwal (1990 scratch winner), while Basant Singh, CLGC captain looks on

subscription a privilege which was recerved exclusively for men.

Well everything seemed to be running smoothly for the fairer

But then there is also the other side of the : story. While the CLGC boasted of a record membership in 1953; it is a sad commentary now that the membership has declined incredibly-there are now about 139 members on the resident list." Nevertheless, there is no dearth of occperation and diligence shown by the existing members. The interest continues unabated in spite of the falling membership, the distressing lack of equipment and the cost of maintenance. And yet the devout members pledge to keep the flag flying. Enthusiann one thing that is not at premium here.



F.A. CUP

### Spurs Rule

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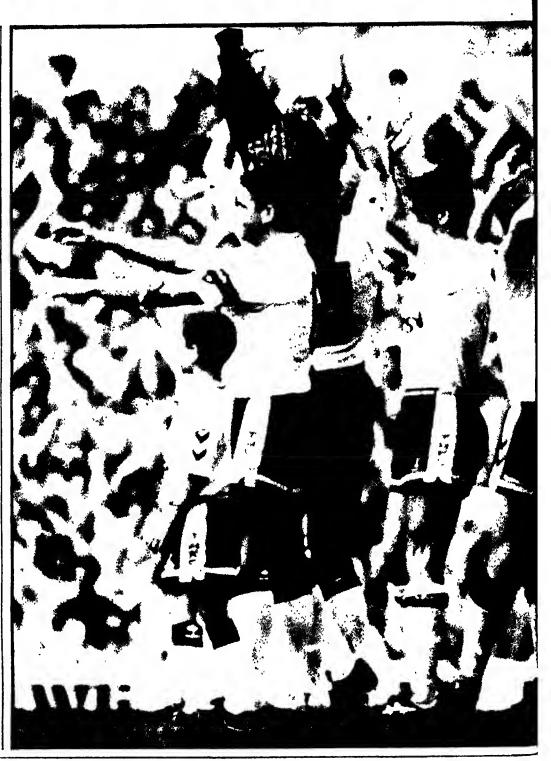
won

the

F.A. Cup

N England, there is a prophecy, an omen, saying or legend, call it what you will, that, "It's lucky for Spurs when the year ends in one." Historical evidence reveals that Tottenham Hotspur (nicknamed Spurs) had won the coveted F.A. Cup in 1901, 1921, 1961 and 1981. Of their seven triumphs in the F.A. Cup, Spurs had won four in years ending in one.

For the 1991 F.A. Cup final, the superstitious betted on Spurs, for obvious reasons. The form book however indicated a Forest victory. It became one of nature's unresolved conflicts, rationality or



superstition. Spurs defied every logic—from Gascoigne being stretched off to Lineker missing a penalty—to win.

The 110th F.A. Cup final had added spice. It wasn't just a football match between Spurs of North London and their Midland rivals, Nottingham Forest, but a personality clash between two of the foremost managers in England, Brian Clough and Terry Venables. Two contrasting but outstanding personalities.

Yet, in this final, Clough was out-thought by Venables. The experience and greater commitment of Spurs enabling them to beat a young Forest team (average age 23 years) who froze on the

occasion. Venables had two strategic masterstrokes: he started in the unusual 4-5-1 formation. With a five man midfield he hoped to stifle Forest's free flowing game. David Howell, an under 21 international. shackled Forest's main schemer Nigel Clough (the manager's son) and Paul Stewart closely marked roving Roy Keane.

When Spurs were a goal down, Venables changed tactics. Stewart moved up and played behind Lineker, like Baggio did with Schillaci in Italia '90. These ploys bemused the young Forest team who could not cope with the pressure of the occasion, positional rotation and angled running of Spurs.

Spurs' victory was dramatic. The fans taking a cue from the Manchester United supporters at Rotterdam were as good as gold and even wished each other "Cheers mate." Ultimately it was the year of Spurs and amongst the singing fans the song heard in the tubes and buses at the end, was the club song. "Tottenham, Tottenham/No one can stop them/We won't give up/Until we've brought the cup/Back home to White Hart Lane." Or the more melodious "Que sera, sera, whatever will be, will be, we've won the Cup at Wembley, Wembley "

Spurs are now the most successful club in the history of the world's oldest football tournament, having won it eight times.



### EUROPE NEEDS 1

The entire European competition is badly in need of qualities which the English have given it during the past 30 years... The six years without English clubs have seriously devalued the Cup tournaments depriving them of stamina and pace...

UROPE's premier club
tournament will get a
major blood transfusion
when Arsenal, the new
English champions, take
their well-organised team
to the depleted European Cup next
season.

It comes not a moment too soon, for the entire European competition is badly in need of qualities which the English have given it during the past 30 years

Many Continental critics believe that the six years without English clubs—after the Heysel disaster of 1985—has seriously devalued the three cup tournaments, depriving them of stamina, commitment and pace.

Those qualities enabled Liverpool to win so many trophies and dominate the European cup for several years

However, Liverpool this season were not at their best. And champions Arsenal are a functional side, who badly lack true flair.

Neither of these two teams can compare with the splendid Liverpool teams in which Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Sounces were such shining stars.

But European club soccer does



need an injection of English clubs. If in doubt simply look how the mighty have fallen.

Milan, who looked set to dominate the European Cup much as Liverpool once did, have sadly fallen to pieces this season. Well before they failed to overcome Marseille at San Siro, then were beaten by them in France—absurdly misbehaving themselves in the bargain. It was clear that their spark had gone.

The zonal defence with its "pressing" was no longer working as well. Arrigo Sacchi, the dominating, clever little manager, was at odds with his famous Dutch centre forward, Marco Van Basten, who was sick of standing alone upfield waiting for the ball to come, at the mercy of ruthless opponents, rather than being allowed to drop back and join in the play.

Ruud Gullit, after all the trials

### N ENGLISH CURE

Chris Waddle, whose £4.5 million transfer seemed so excessive when Spurs sold him, has turned into the outstanding European match winner of the season...



and tribulations of his several knee operations, was rarely the majestically decisive player he had been a couple of seasons earlier, even if there were days when he looked superb.

Carlo Ancelotti, the fulcrum of the midfield, was fading with age and injury. Roberto Donadoni, the clever, deep, versatile right winger, was a martyr to injury, too. All credit to Marseille, all credit to Red Star Belgrade for winning the European Cup Final. But it must be significant that France and Yugoslavia have played only a marginal part in the history of this competition. Partizan Belgrade reached the final in 1966, Saint Etienne in 1976. Each lost.

Even last season's Milan, let alone the Milan of a couple of years ago, would I believe, have seen off Marseille

The French club are a bright and lively team, and one must take no credit away from that astonishing veteran, the Belgian Raymond Goethals, who took over from Franz Beckenbauer a demoralised team in mid-season, and in no time at all had it thriving and winning again.

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He scored the goal which knocked out Milan, fashioning others in the semi-final against Moscow's Spartak, impressing everybody except, it seems, the unpredictable Graham Taylor, new team manager of England, who left him out of his squad against Turkey in Izmir then recalled him to face the Soviet Union.

Jean-Pierre Papin has been immensely penetrative and dangerous all season, for club and country. Pele, the Ghanaian who adopted the name of the great Brazilian, has fully rewarded Goethals' faith in him, an attacker who goes virtually where he likes and always does something special. But this seems to me a very good team, rather than a great one.

Red Star are throbbing with

talent. At least three of their players are coveted by nearly all the rich clubs in Europe. The blond 22-year-old Robert Prosinecki is a midfield attacker of consummate skill, flair and constructive ability. Darko Pancev, the centre-forward, has emerged as a finisher of renown. The other young midfielder, Savicevic, is little behind Prosinecki in skill and craft.

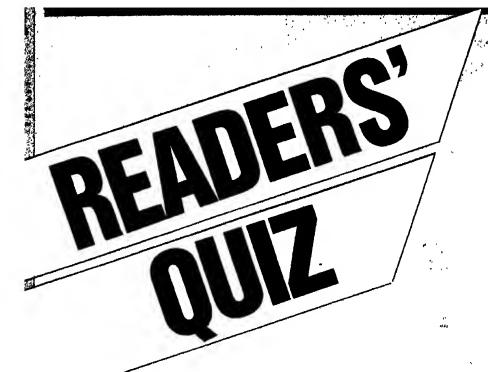
But what heavy weather Red Star made of their return leg semi-final at home to Bayern, how fortunate they eventually were to come through, on that strange, sliced own goal by Klaus Augenthaler, and how monumentally their keeper let them down, when Bayern scored their first The Red Star defence, even with as elegant a stopper as the Rumanian international, Belodedici, looked full of holes.

Manchester United are to be congratulated on winning a European final, the Cup Winners, on the first occasion since 1985 when English teams have been back in Europe

Still, what can be said about a team like Sampdoria? They set a hot pace in the Italian Championship, and were eliminated by Legia, a team so little-rated in Poland that before the ties against "Samp" a leading Warsaw paper begged it not to compete, for fear of bringing shame on Polish football.

Juventus, winners last year of the UEFA Cup, have been a wretchedly ineffective side under the management of Gigi Maifred this season, despite spending millions on new stars.

Yet they gave Barcelona a hard run for their money in the semi-finals after being well beaten away, with Stoichov the Bulgarian striker proving irrepressible.



### **OUESTIONS**

- 'Who writes your bloody script?' Who is the speaker and about whom was this remark made?
- 2 What was unique about a What was golf ball hit in February 1971 that the club with which it was hit was later presented to the U.S.G.A. Museum?
- 3 What unusual about Elizabeth Ryan's record of 19 Wimbledon titles?
- In which sport 4. did Conservative MP and sports minister Colin Moyniham win a silver medal for Britain in the 1980 Olympics?

### **ANSWERS**

- 1. Graham Gooch to Ian Botham, after Botham took a wicket with his first ball on returning to Test cricket after his ban in 1986.
- 2. It was struck on the moon-first time.
- 3. All were doubles titles.
- Rowing.
   Policeman
- 6. Jabalpur, India 7. George Foreman.
- Polo, about five hectares.
- 9. Everton Weeks.
- 10. London, 1948.
- 11. Wrestling, Archery, Chess.
- 12. Darts.
- 13. Because at least one of these colours appear in the flag of every nation of the world.

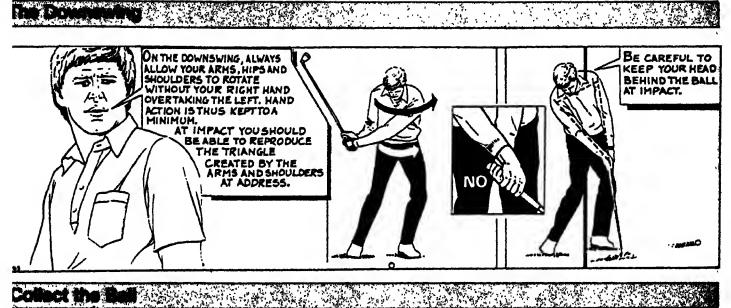
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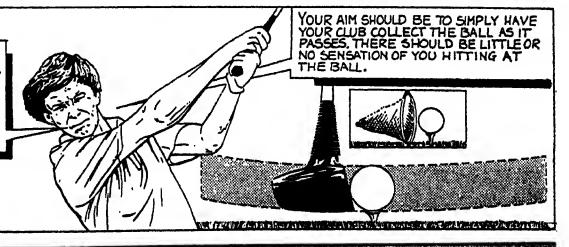
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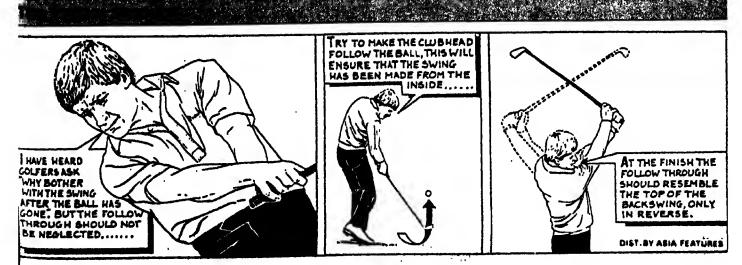
- What was . Christopher Dean's occupation before becoming a full time partner of Jayne Torvill in the ice skating world?
- Where was 6. snooker supposed to have been played first?
- Who is the only US boxer to have won. defended and lost his title outside YARU
- Which game 8. requires the largest area?
- Which former 9. W.I. cricket Test captain became bridge champion of Barbados in 1984?
- In which 10.Olympics were competitors housed in RAF and Army Camps?
- . following is not a Latin declension, but the name of a world governing body—FIDE, Name the sport.
- 12. In which game do you find the sequence of 7-3-19-7-8?
- 3. An Olympic consists of 5 rings which represent the five continents in the colours blue. yellow, black. green and red. Why were these colours. obosen?

### THE FALDO FORMULA



THINK OF YOUR SWING AS JUST THAT - A SWING IMAGINE YOUR HITTING AREA AS BEING EIGHTEEN INCHES EITHER SIDE OF THE BALL.







### CALCUTTA

THE districts yet again proved that they were the cradle of talented players in the state when the Children's Little Theatre (CLT) table tennis championships threw up as many as three title winners and all from the districts.

The credit goes to the Bengal Table Tennis Association (BTTA). The BTTA's well-organised camps under trained coaches have done a world of good. It was, therefore, not surprising when someone called Mantu Ghosh from Siliguri became the national women's champion at a tender age.

Naihati Athletic Club's Tapasi Chakraborty, Mithu Pal and Souvik Basu Roy from Siliguri came out best in their respective sections of the CLT meet at the Khudiram Anusilan Kendra. The Calcutta-based winners included Sibaji Dutta, younger brother of state player Arjun Dutta and Souvik Roy.

But the final day belonged to a tiny girl from Chandannagore. Anindita Ganguly may have come out second best in the cadet girls' final, but the older Tapasi required all her experience to quell the challenge of the little girl. Anindita lost 21-17, 21-9, but she earned quite a few admirers with her powerful game.

South Calcutta's Abanti Sinha was swept away by the whiplash forehand smashes of Siliguri's Mithu Pal. The tall girl, who finished runners-up last year in the sub-junior girls' final, thus improved on her last showing by winning the title with a 19-21, 21-18, 21-13 scoreline.

The third winner from the district was Souvik Basu Roy in the sub-junior boy's section. He defeated his name-sake from Calcutta 21-13, 21-16.

The cadet boys' final was an all-Calcutta affair. Sibaji versus

### Champions: (from left) Tapasi Chakraborty, Mithu Pai, Sibaji Dutta and Souvik Basu Roy

Souvik Roy Chowdhury. Both played their level best and at the end, the winner was distinguished by the number of errors committed. Sibaji won the evening's most well contested encounter 26-28, 21-15, 21-15.

**Soumitra Bose** 



THE curtains of yet another extended CAB cricket season ended with the J.C. Mukherjee Trophy. Though the month of May was not the best time for three-day games, the J.C. Mukherjee Trophy, one of the main CAB tournaments, was a good contest all the way.

Eventual champions Mohun Bagan, who had survived a major scare against CAB Red in the semi-finals, thus ended the season on a happy note. Mohun Bagan had won almost all the local titles at stake in the last few years. But, that domination was gone as they lost out in the race for the league and the knockout titles this season. With Bagan clinching the P.Sen Trophy, that disappointment was gone, and for them the J.C. Mukherjee title was like the icing on a cake.

Mohun Bagan's opponents in the title round were Aryan, the league champions this year. Sporting Union lost by six wickets in an entertaining match to pave the way for Aryan in the final.

Mohun Bagan, on the other hand made a dramatic entry. Trailing by 107 runs in the first innings, they came back to beat CAB Red by four wickets in a semi-final match which the CAB team never expected to lose.

But as it turned out in the final the new format of the J.C.
Mukherjee meet (in the lines of the Buchi Babu tournament where the first innings is of 80 overs a-side and the second, a 40 overs-a-side affair) could not throw up a clear winner. Mohun Bagan won because first the weather and then the elections butted into the final days' proceedings.

Aryan won the toss and Mohun

Mohun Bagan were the winners of the J.C. Mukherjee Trophy

Bagan were asked to bat on a docile Eden Gardens strip. The Aryan medium-pacers could not exploit the slightly sweaty conditions and in the 33 overs that were possible on the first day of the three-day encounter, Mohun Bagan were 103 for one with veteran Moloy Banerjee not out on 79.

Arun Lal stole the limelight on the second day with a masterly 170. Resuming at the overnight score of 14, Lal went on in his own unmistakable style. He plundered runs at will and his third fifty of the innings came in breathtaking fashion.

With rain robbing the match of crucial time, an imposing total would only be of importance.

Mohun Bagan sat pretty at 367 for six at the end of the alloted 80 overs. Aryan batted 25.5 overs on the second day. It was a sedate start as all of 86 runs were got of them and they had even lost a wocket.

Aryan's target on the final day was a clear 282 from 54 overs. But like many times in this season, Lal became a off-spin bowler and Pronob Nandy once again ensnared the powerful batting line-up with his friendly leg-spin. Between Lal and Nandy, they shared six wickets as Aryan managed 286 for eight as

the 80 overs ran out.

Veteran Dilip Dutta remained not out on 70 and noteworthy contributions came from Prasanta Ghosh (68) and Farasatullah (63), but the run-chase became too difficult once the middle-order collapsed.

Soumitra Bose

### MADRAS

### Indian Table Tennis

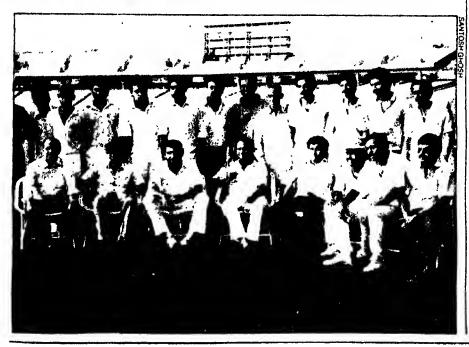
THINGS are looking up for Indian table tennis. In the recently concluded Commonwealth and World championships, the Indian men's and women's squads performed very well. At Nairobi, the two teams were runners— up in the team events while the crowning glory was Kamlesh Mehta finishing runner-up in the men's singles event—the first Indian to do so since Kasim Ali in 1971.

As if to prove that this was no fluke, the squad also did well in the tougher competition of the world championship. The men improved from the 32nd position to 26th while the women jumped from 31st to the 23rd.

In its own small way, Tamil Nadu made a significant contribution to India's good showing. For the first time, three of the nine members Indian squad were from Tamil Nadu S. Raman, Chetan Baboor, B Bhuvaneshwari. Of course this resulted from the fact that Tamil Nadu itself has been doing well on the national scene. In the Jaipur nationals Raman finished runner-up to Kainlesh Mehta while Bhuvana was runner-up to Mantu Ghosh. The men's team finished second in the team event while Raman and Bhuvana claimed the mixed doubles title.

There are reasons behind the good showing of the players. For instance there is an excellent rapport in the state between players and officials.

And then there is a broad base for the game. Out of quantity comes quality And fully aware of the importance of a broad—based





programme, two of the finest players the State has produced, G. Jagannath and V. Chandrasekhar have spared no efforts in tackling the game at the grass root level and making it a popular mass movement.

Jagannath, now 46, is a former India captain and has enough experienceas a coach, having trained the Indian team from 1979 to 1985. Lately, he has turned his attention to coaching poor slum boys. Besides sharpening their skills, the training gives them a chance to stay away from anti-social activities.

Recently Jagannath, an Arjuna Award winner, was engaged by the Table Tennis Players Parents Association (TTPPA) to conduct a coaching camp. The TTPPA in a short period of a year's existence has earned a name for itself for successfully conducting two major school tournaments last year to supplement the efforts of the Tamil Nadu Table Tennis Association.

In the just concluded camp, about 40 players from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra and Goa attended. Jagannath was assisted by State coaches Srinivasa Rao

### Players taking part in the table tennis training camp

and Muralidhara Rao.

The skills of the young boys and girls were no doubt sharpened by the 20-day camp, a feature of which was the physical training schedule conducted by former international volleyball player R Manoharan. Jagannath also emphasised that he would prepare follow—up programmes for every trainee and that it would be mandatory for every trainee to follow his instructions once the camp was over. "Otherwise little purpose would be served in organising such camps," he explained to Sportsworld.

Chandra a three-time former national champion and also former Indian captain is a relatively new entry into the field of coaching. But in the short span of about two years, he has already earned a name for himself as a technically knowledgable coach who enjoys a good rapport with his wards. Raman, Chetan and Bhuvana are his students as also otherState ranked players like Deepa Lakshumanan, M.S. Mythili, Arul Selvi, and J.

Premkumar.

Also aware of the importance of a broad based programme. Chandra recently conducted a coaching camp in the city for about 40 boys and girls from Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Karnataka, Orrisa and Maharashtra. He also had a separate camp for beginners.

At the conclusion of the camp Chandra, with sponsorship from Indian Bank, conducted a two day All-India tournament in which many Indian ranked players participated. Sujay Ghorpade, former national champion won the men's singles title while Archana Rao of Karnataka took the women's singles title. The total prize money was Rs. 36,000 with the men's winner getting Rs. 7,000 and the women's winner Rs. 5,000.

Both Jagannath and Chandra felt that such regular coaching camps by eminent personalities all over the country would go a long way towards building a mass movement for the game-and perhaps towards a further upswing in the fortunes of Indian

**Partab Ramchand** 

### KARATE

### THE POWER OF THE EMPTY HAND



Do Push-ups with the fingers turned inward



ARRYING on with the advanced wrist strengthening techniques we were on, this week try placing your hands on the floor, fingers turned toward you. Remember, you've got to be very supple to attempt this because the stretch placed on the tendons and ligaments is acute.

Once you've achieved that much flexibility and strength, try doing push-ups on the edge of your palm. In fact, once you've got this push-up mastered, try pushing your upper body off the floor everytime you straighten your arms. But be very careful to attempt this only once you've become very steady on the edge of your palms.

And finally, try doing push-ups on the backs of your wrist. Required for the wrist

blows—kokens—used in advanced stages, this strengthens the wrist and toughens it.

By Shivaji Ganguly Kyokushinkalkan karate





### Revive the true spirit

NY institution which evolves through the ages, to serve a noble purpose, has to disintegrate one time or the other. Sport is no exception. And the way drugs have infiltrated this sacred arena just proves the point. The arrest of demi-god Diego Maradona for possession and use of cocame has left a black spot in the history of sport that will take real long to be erased. Even though we go all out and blame these players mercilessly. are we not to blame at all for this state of affairs in sports?

We, the spectators, place a lot of pressure on the players by expecting them to perform at optimum levels in all their matches. If in a particular match a player is not at his best then the spectators will not forgive him because the public memory is short lived. This psychological pressure mounted on the players by the spectators, leads to a state of acute depression and to get away from these tensions they resort to drugs.

Sport in today's world has become so very competitive that there is enormous pressure on the players and we the spectators should not add to that. We should take to sport as a method for recreation and should redefine the concept of professionalism in sport.

If we don't want drugs to rear its ugly head in sport then we should also make sure that we delete the vandalism and some of the unnecessary competitiveness that we demand from the players. C. TAMIL THIRU MOZHIAN, New Delhi

### Thanks

SPORTSWORLD once again lived up to its reputation by giving us the complete picture of the Ranji Trophy. Thanks a ton for the poster of Sanjay Manjrekar.

India's 25-year-old batting sensation wrote a new chapter in



the national level history when he scored the swashbuckling triple century. Facing the bat of Manjrekar that day was indeed a nightmare for the bowlers. We cricket lovers surely did enjoy that scintillating innings from his bat.

VASVI VERMA

### Amazing

THE spectacular comeback of Ian Botham was indeed amazing. Not only was it amazing it was certainly pleasing for the fans of this die-hard cricketer. Let's hope that he can surpass the legendary Sir Richard Hadlee's record, and that he goes on to become the best allrounder the game has ever produced. SHANTANU SHANKAR, Giridih

### Superb .

THE article on Sachin Tendulkar (15-21 May) was simply superb and Robin Chatterjee did a good job. Sachin has the talent, the mentality and the technique to become one of the greatest batting maestros in the game. Here's wishing Sachin all the best for a very bright future.

RAVIPRASAD.

Mangalore.

THE cover story on Sachin I Tendulkar was nothing less than fantastic. The pictures and the writing really gave one a new perspective about this wonder boy. The maturity that he displays is about the rarest thing to come across in modern day sport. It is real good news to Indian cricket that he has not let fame get to his head. The moment he lets fame and superstardom get the better of him is going to be the darkest day for Indian cricket. Let us hope that he concentrates on the game and leads India on to much greater heights.

MAHESH SAWANT, Jalna.



DURING THE 1946 WESTERN AMATEUR, GOLFERS FRANK STRANAHAN AND SMILEY QUICK TOOK PART IN ONE OF THE MOST MEAN-SPIRITED CHAMP. IONSHIP MATCHES EVER. BOMBARDING EACH OTHER WITH INSULTS AND THREATS OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, THE GOLFERS STOOD IN THE LINE OF EACH OTHER'S PUTTS, MOVED ABOUT JUST AS THE OTHER WAS PUTTING, AND JINGLED CHANGE IN THEIR POCKETS ON THE OFFONENT'S BACKSWING! STRANAHAN'S 12-FOOT PUTTIN SUDDEN DEATH PUT AN END TO THEIR SORRY PERFORMANCE.

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REX CALDWELL'S CADDIE SHOULD HAVE RE-CEIVED COMBAT PAY—ORAT LEAST A PURPLE HEART—POLLOWING THE 1987 ATGT PEBBLE BEACH NATIONAL PRO-AM. BACK-TO-BACK EMBARRASSING ACCIDENTS OCCURRED WHEN CALDWELL FIRST NAILED CADDIE "LOST LEE" STEHLE INTHE CHEST WITH A RICOCHET SHOT OFF THE BRANCH OF ATREE, AND THEN AC-CIDENTALLY SMACKED HIM IN THE FACE WITH HIS WEDGE WHILE SLAMMING THE CLUB DOWN INTO HIS GOLF BAG!

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### **MILESTONES**

WON: By England the friendly match against the Soviet Union. They defeated the visitors 3-1. David Platt incidentally scored two of the three

goals.
REQUESTED: By the Australian Medical
Association, to the organisers of the
Commonwealth Games to ban boxing from the
Games. The reason advanced was that the sport
caused widespread brain damage.

ANNOUNCED: By the Sharsha Corporation of Dubai, a £125,000 bonus to the West Indian team if they defeated England 5-0 in the Tests.

**ACQUITTED:** Carl Lewis of the drunken driving charges that were slammed on him after he was arrested on Jan 11 in Houston.

FINALISED: The deal between Italian club Lazio and Tottenham for Gascoigne. The Italian club paid the stipulated £8.5 million.

LOST: By Ben Johnson the first 10Cm race he ran since 1988. He came fifth in this race run in Granada, Spain, with a timing of 10.54 secs.

WON: By Greg Richardson of the U.S.A, the WBC bantamweight title when he defeated Victor Rabanales of Mexico in a 12 round bout.
WON: By India, the three Test hockey series

against Spain. India won the series 2-1.



### QUIZ

### QUESTIONS

- 1. What does 'switch' mean in volleyball?
- 2. The yellow jersey, we know, distinguishes the race leader in Tour de France. But what is the 'pink jersey'?
- 3. What is the five-minute rule in golf?
- 4. What is the Swaythling Club?

### **ANSWERS**

- A move in which the backline player moves to the net after service so that all frontline players can take part in smash.
- 2. Obviously an imitation of the French idea, it distinguishes the race leader in Giro d'Italia.
- 3. A player is allowed five minutes for searching a lost ball.
- A social club for former table tennis international of all countries.

### **CHESS**

Boris Gelfand (22) is another of the new wave heroes of chess. Over the last three years he has an amazingly consistent record which has pushed his rating over the 2700 mark recently. Gelfand's is very well prepared in the opening and has an all round game. But his real strength is his character. He has tremendous sporting qualities always playing to win and coming from behind on a number of occasions. Most recently in the Candidates match with Predrag Nikolic.

White: Vaganyan Vs Black. Gelfand, USSR, '90, Super Learns

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0 Nc6 8 d5 Ne7 9 Nd2 a5 10 a3 Bd7! This gains a tempo on the main line King's Indian 1e 10—c5 11Rb1 Ne8 because white has to play b3 first.

11 b3-Ne8 12 Rb1 c5 13 b4 ab4 14 ab4 b6 15 bc5 bc5 l6 Nb3 f5 17 f3 Nf6 18 Bd2 f4 The battle lines are drawn. White goes for his q-side break while black goes for the king.

19 Nb5 Nc8 20 Rai Rxai 21 Qxai g5 22 Qa6 Qe7 23 Na5 g4 24 Nc6 Qf7 25 Nb8 (see 'diagram) g3! Black has to keep punching before his light squared bishop is eliminated. Now 26 h3 Bxh3 27 gh3 Qh5 28 Ki2 Nxe4 29 Be1 Ng5 30 Rh1 e4 would be a nice thematic finish.

26 Nxd7 gh2 27 Kh1? White has to go 27 Kxh2 Nxd7 28 Nc7 Bf6 29 Ne6 Bh4 30 g4 with a dynamic position.

27—Qxd7 28 Qc6 Qd8 29 Ral.
Interesting is 29 Nc7 Nh5 30 Be 1
Ne7 31 Qb7 Qd7 and black will
win apiece.

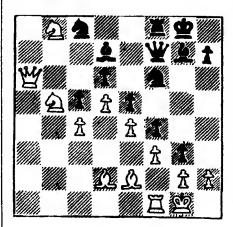
29—Nh5 30 Bel Ng3 31 Bxg3 fg3 32 Nc7 Ne7 33 Qb7 Qb8 34 Rb1 Qxb7 35 Rxb7 Ng6 36 Bd1 Bf6 37 Bc2 Nf4 38 Ra7 Rb8. Now an entertaining possibility is 39 Ra8 Rxa8 40 Nxa8 Bd8 "stalemating" white and winning as he pleases.

39 Nb5 h5 40 Nd6 Rd2 41 Nf5 Rxc2. Even more accurate would be 41—h4! 42 Ne3 Rxc2

42 Nxg3 h4 43 Nf5 h3 45 gh3 Nxh3 45 d6 Rd2 46 Nh6 Kf8 47 Rf7 Ke8 48 d7 Kd8
White is hoping for 48—Rxd7 49
Rxf6 Right now 49 Rxf6 Nf2 50
Kxh2 Nxe4 picking up the rook
with a discovery Similarly
Ng4xe5 is also stopped by
discovered checks.

49 Ng4 Be7 50 Nxh2 Rd1 51 Kg2 Nf4 52 Kf2 Bh4 (O-1) Its checkmate after 53 Ke3 Rd3.

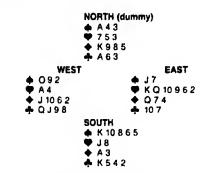
Devangshu Dutta



### BRIDGE

In a previous column I had presented a hand on which the famous Italian Benito Garozzo, considered by many to be the greatest player of all time, had managed, with the aid of a falsecard, to veer declarer away from the winning line into adopting a losing one. It seems that he finds the right falsecards

with the same frequency as we locate queens in two-way finessing situations. Here is another gem from him in the same Sunday Times pairs:-



American world champion Jeff Meckstroth declared in three spades from the South seat after showing both black suits. Garozzo, East, had overcalled in hearts but even so West. Billy Eisenberg, led the diamond jack Declarer's winning line is normal good technique and "duck soup" to a player of Meckstroth's caliber--cash the spade ace, give up a club right away, cash the trump king on recovering the lead and then cash the top clubs and ruff the last club, losing only one club, two hearts and a trump—provided East defends like a normal human being

Something happened though.....when the spade acc was cashed, Garozzo, true to form. dropped the jack! Taking this to be a singleton, Meckstroth saw that the original plan would not help. So, changing tacks, he ruffed a diamond in hand, cashed the top clubs ending on the table. and ruffed the last diamond. With K10 of spades and two losing clubs left in hand, he then exited in clubs, waiting for West, with Q97 of trumps and a club left, to have to win the third club and lead away from the Q97 of trumps into his K10 or else ruff the next trick perforce (while South would get rid of his fourth club) and lead away from the Q9 into his K10. However, this smart plan went awry when West won the third club and played back a fourth club, East producing the seven of trumps to overruff and West still had a trump trick to come!

Santanu Ghose

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3. Will Ivan Lendl win his first Wim  Pes  No	bledon title?
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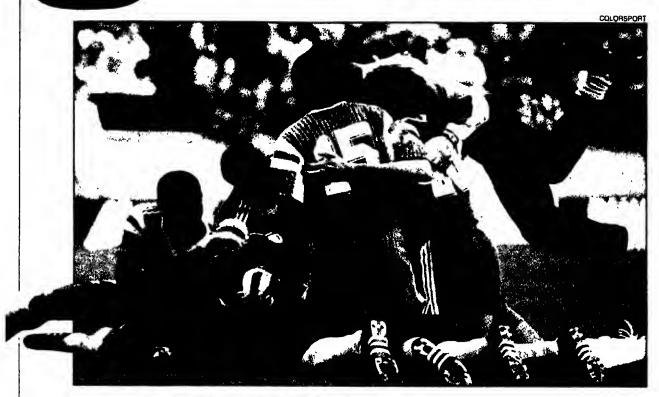
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# OH, WHAT A FELING!!

In sporting arenas all around the world, there is an ever increasing explosion of frenzy all the time. Frenzy shown by players; frenzy shown by spectators. In an increasingly complex and competitive world, the moment of triumph seems to be the ideal time to give vent to your emotions

REEZE this scene: Rene Higuita, the
Colombian goalkeeper is forty yards away
from his goal, the ball at his feet. His face
looks utterly confident, almost arrogant.
Higuita passes the ball to a fellow Colombian,
who on being challenged by a Cameroonian,
returns it to Higuita. Suddenly, an awesome
tragedy. Roger Milla pounces on the ball, sneaks
past Higuita and is running towards the empty
goal.

There is nobody to stop him. Higuita turns back and runs desperately to catch up but it is just too late. With a contemptuous flick of his German players celebrate their World Cup win

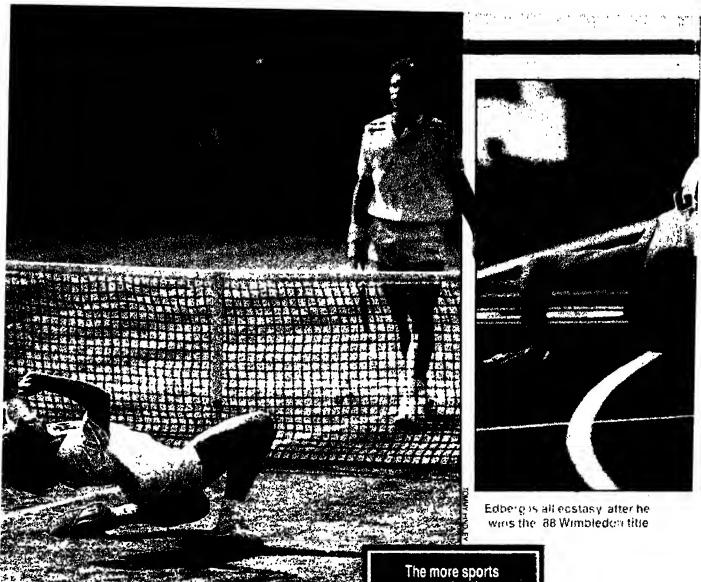
Society is getting increasingly regimented and people have less and less opportunity to let down their hair. But in a stadium, a spectator can shout and yell in a sort of harmless frenzy

right foot, Roger Milla slams the ball into the empty net—GOAL! The man is shaking with joy. His mouth is open in a wide gap-toothed smile; his fists are punching the air and then he does a small hip wriggle. Then he breaks into a run, to the corner flag and breaks into a prolonged hip wriggle. The stadium erupts in frenzy.

Roger Milla became world famous with this distinctive hip wriggle. There was something free about it; there was something child-like about it; there was something irreverent about it—an irreverence of authority and an irreverence of the opponent.

And increasingly, in modern sport, public gestures of victory are getting more and more common. As the pressure increases on the sportsman because of intense rivalries, money, the spotlight of television and crowd pressures, he feels all bottled up. The strain is too much. Thus, when the moment of victory comes, there is a chance to explode, to give vent to all the suppressed emotions that are churning inside him.

Vignettes: Boris Becker flinging a racket into the stands after yet another Wimbledon victory; Stefan Edberg punching the air in ecstacy; Bjorn



Borg falling to his knees, his eyes skyward, in a gesture of relief after he wins his fifth Wimbledon; Lotthar Matthaeus running down the football field, his arms aloft, his mouth wide open in a loud scream after scoring a World Cup goal; Sebastian Coe, his right finger upraised, neck muscles bulging after his sensational win over Steve Ovett in the 1500m at the '80 Moscow Olympics.

To the spectator, there is something alluring about this extravagant display of emotion. He experiences a vicarious pleasure in the triumph of the player. As Desmond Morris wrote in *The* 

pervades the consciousness of the modern era, the more there will be this unconscious pressure from spectator to player to respond forcefully. As Morris says, 'The Triumph Display is here to stay'.

Soccer Tribe. 'Such gestures bring nothing but joy to all concerned

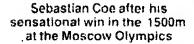
and certainly appears to do no harm.'

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Society is getting increasingly regimented and people have less and less opportunity to let down their hair. There is no chance to let off steam. But at a stadium, a spectator can shout and yell in a sort of harmless frenzy. And he looks towards the player to give the cue. When a player pounds the air with his fist, it is the sign for the spectator to



Gelindo Bordin kisses the track after winning the gold in the marathon in the World athletics championships in Rome





give vent to his frenzy.

But not everybody accepts this blatant show of emotion. Sporting authorities all around the world seriously frown on such emotional displays. For example, before the World Cup, FIFA, the world soccer body, instructed referees to caution players who jumped on to perimeter fencing or lay in a heap hugging and kissing.

But the ban was ignored both by player and referee. One goes on acting out his emotions while the other, sitting in the stands, gets his vicarious excitement from that. In fact, when he does not show emotion, there is a sense of

disappointment. When Brazil's classy forward of the eighties, Socrates, barely raised a fist to the sky after scoring a goal, he was specially instructed to show more emotion so that the spectators could respond more forcefully to a goal.

And so extravagant emotional displays will continue. The more sports pervades the consciousness of the modern era, the more there will be this unconscious pressure from spectator to player to respond forcefully.

As Morris says, 'The Triumph Display is here to stay'.

Ashwin Thomas



### MUSCLE ON THE HUSTLE

AST week we'd started off a fitness programme which was custom built for the jet-set business traveller. One where you could crank those muscles into motion without the frills of a gym or jogging track. Sure you do your push-ups and sit-ups. But are those good for overall total body fitness?

No way. That's why we think this 'anytime. anyplace workout' is just what the doctor ordered for you hectic tourers. Just set aside a few minutes-at any time during the day-and try to squeeze in these simple exercises. You could be in your hotel room, in a receptionist's chamber (although we don't recommend the more vigorous ones unless you're used to people fainting at the sight of you!) or even in the departure lounge while waiting for Indian Airlines to get their act together.

FEET. You've gotta be standing for this one. Place the hands on your hips, feet together, and go up onto your toes. Then lower your heels back to the floor and rock back onto your heels. Come back to level and start again. This'll work the calves and ankles.

BICEPS. This one's for those muscles you flex every time you get tough. The ones you flex every time you're trying to impress someone with your tough look. Stand with your arms held out to your sides, slightly above shoulder-height. Then, tighten the entire arm, making the hands into flexed fists, and bend the arms into the classic muscle pose. Then, keeping the tension in your arms, slowly straighten them out again to the starting position.

OUTER THIGHS. Lie on your side with the legs out straight, the elbow closest to the ground propped up so that the upper torso is lifted off the ground. Then, keeping both legs straight, lift the upper

### **OUTER THIGHS**

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leg about two feet off the ground and lower it back to the starting position, taking care not to let it touch the lower leg as you run through the repetitions. Once the leg tires, change sides and work the other leg. CALVES. Kneel down, leaning forward a little from the waist to rest your forearm on the bent knee, the other hand holding the wrist. Keeping a moderate pressure on the knee, lift the heel up and lower it back onto the ground. Once that calf is exhausted, switch legs and work the other calf by placing the corresponding forearm on the bent knee and holding the wrist with the other hand. HIPS. Get onto your back, keeping the legs bent so that the feet are about a foot or so away from your buttocks. Place the hands at the sides and lift your buttocks off the floor by contracting the muscles of the hip. Lower the buttocks-stopping a few inches above the floor -and repeat. You can even do this on your bed! ●





HO can doubt that athletics in a united Germany is moving torwards a golden age. At the IAAF World Championships in Tokyo this year and at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992, the black, red and gold flag

is likely to be among those most frequently hoisted

over the victory ceremonies.

Looking further into the future, however, the omens are less promising. In the long term, men and women of a combined team will not be able to sustain the high levels achieved in the years immediately following athletics unification. It is quite possible that the Olympic Games of Atlanta in 1996 will see fewer wins for German athletes than were achieved by the GDR team alone in the 1988

Olympics.

Why this pessimism for the latter half of the 1990s? The reason is quite simple: the sporting miracle that saw the German Democratic Republic (GDR) bow out in triumph with 12 golds and a total of 34 medals at the European Championships in Split last year cannot be maintained under the conditions operating in the west. Government funds for the five new lander—Mecklenburg-Pomerania, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Brandenburg and Thuringia and former East Berlin—will be directed to more urgent needs than those of sporting prowess.

More or less bankrupt in every field other than top class sport, the GDR-a state with a population of 17 million—used to have some 600 full-time trainers on

Katrin Krabbe: triple gold at Split In 1990





the payroll. From Schwerin to Karl-Marx-Stadt (now once again called Chemnitz) sport at the

highest level was a state priority.

In future, however, not even 10 per cent of these coaches will be receiving salaries out of federal funds. Many will emigrate while others will be lost to sport. Full time concentration on sport free from any outside duties—a situation which was the norm in the GDR until a short time ago—will be available only for the few stars enjoying appearance and prize money as well as handsome sponsorship contracts.

All track and field talents used to be concentrated in 14 sports clubs. There, from the sixth school year onwards, the most talented youngsters to emerge from the selection process would be brought together in special boarding schools where education was subordinate to sporting goals.

Since the political changes began, Olympic champions like Ulf Timmermann and Christian Schenk have been trying to preserve as many of these nurseries of talent as possible. They have been successful only to a limited extent.

In a gesture of defiance combined with pursuit of sponsors and assistance, the men and particularly the women of the GDR did better than ever in Split.

### n Athletes Krefeld-Uerdingen).



Wachter (left) and Wodars seen in action in the 800 m at the 1987 Rome world meet

At the IAAF World Junior Championsips in Plovdiv. however, the next generation was suffering the first reverses. This was doubly serious, as West Germany's hopefuls came off even worse than in 1986 and 1988—only one medal for decathlete Eric Kaiser (significantly born not in the Federal

Republic but Cameroon).

Professor Manfred Steinbach, fourth in the long jump at the Rome Olympics of 1960 and now a sports manager at the Federal Ministry of Health in Bonn, is quite right in saying that "the real test for athletics in the united Germany will come after 1992. He was equally cautious in his prognosis for the near future at the first trainers' meeting of the German Athletics Association, an occasion attended by 27 specialists from the now defunct GDR. Looking forward to the 1991 IAAF World Championships in Tokyo, he says "eight to twelve gold medals are within the range of possibility."

For the star performers, it is easier to take advantage of the new situation. "Go west young man" is still the motto and this route has been taken by Schenk (from Rostock to Mainz) and world

decathlon champion Torsten Voss (from Schwerin to

When the two Germanies last participated separately in Split (Yugoslavia) in August last year, they captured 15 gold medals, three of them going to the West Germans, Dietmar Haaf, Heike Henkel and Sabina Braun.

And what about the East Germans? Well, before unification, the German Democratic chief trainer was confident of another handsome haul of medals and said: "We expect to do much the same as in earlier European championships—in other words eight to ten gold medals." How true was his predictions.

The 21-year-old high profile blonde Katrin Krabbe won three European golds before wearing the colour of a united Germany in the World Championships at

Tokyo later this year.

Then there is the formidable duo of Sigrum Wodars and Christine Wachter who still reign supreme in the 800 m. The question is: how long will they remain in the forefront?

There was Heike Drechsler who retained the long jump gold, with a leap of 7.30 metres despite the bad weather at Split But she will continue her long standing rivalry in this event

East German women have (in fact, East Europeans) been in the limelight especially in the tracks but Ilke Wyludda seemed to remain unscathed in the discus event She had held sway for the last couple of seasons but of late she found a very strong challenger in compatriot Gabriella Reinsch, who has hurled the discus, her career—best of 76.80 metres.

So if East Germany felt highly satisfied with their farewell performances as a separate nation, their future merger partners looked like dwarves alongside giants. There was the portent danger of loss of mage in the athletics scene in an unified Germany. As an indication Split witnessed the once almighty West Germans who failed to pick up a single medal in the first three days.

Nevertheless, the combined team will certainly not be without weakness (at the Tokyo World Championships in August). "German men no longer like running! Hens - Peter - Herold, winner in the 1500m at the European championsships, is unfortunately the only exception to a very bad rule," declared manager Mansfred Steinbach, in his profound opinion on the future of the all -German team. So the real challenger will only come after the Barcelona Olympics next year.



Jurgen Klinsmann...... Master of deft tackles

# THE PANZER INVASION

Klinsmann, Matthaeus, Brehme, Voeller...

German stars set the Italian League on fire...

bring their patrons major European triumphs...

HE value of the Italian
League has never been
greater The desire to win
the world's most coveted
club league trophy has
become such an obsession
that it has prompted the likes of
A C Milan, Inter Milan and Roma
to spend lavishly and buy the best
players in the world

And who exactly are the world's best players? The answer is not difficult to find as the top-of-the-line footballers these days are known to be the Germans, all thanks to their superlative performance in Italia '90 Today, there are, at least, six Germans from the World Cup winning squad who are setting turfs afire in Italy





### Andress Brehme......Tall copi

Inter's major European triumph. From skipper
Matthaeus to the latest
wonder, Thomas Hassler, the
Germans are unquestionably the
best in modern soccer today.
Apart from these two, there are
four others from the blue chip
stock including Jurgen
Klinsmann, Rudi Voeller,
Andreas Brehme and Thomas
Berthold.

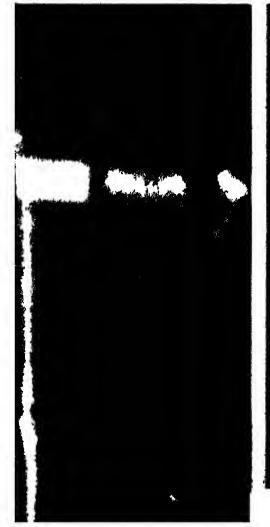
It is little wonder that these six men have spun the Italian League on its head. Among them, the Germans share 40 domestic goals and 17 club cup netters A good enough reason that most of the Italian clubs are looking up north, trying to find new talent which can match this sextet. But the task is daunting as playing standards in the League require unusually high skill and experience With as many as 53

"It is so tough that even the best can crumble under the pressure. You have to get used to all the noise and have to play at peak form. Italians expect us to be the best professionals and be at our best all the time."...Rudi Voeller

international players doing duties for 18 First Division Italian Clubs, the green horns would find the going overwhelming.

Jurgen Klinsmann, the sce German striker puts it aptly when he says that if the Bundesliga (German League) is a sprint, the Italian League is a long-distance race. According to striker Rudi Voeller the Italian League separates the men from boys. "It is so tough that even the best can crumble under the pressure."

Currently, the man in the spotlight is none other than the German hero of Italia '90 Jurgen Klinsmann. For him the current Italian League has turned out to be the moment of truth as he gave an ample display of the skills that have made him a cult figure in Germany. The tall blonde, whose locks curi around his shirt collar. is a beacon for the defenders. Alarm bells start ringing the moment he gathers the ball in the danger area. With superb body swerve and the lightning-like flash of the boots, he can lodge the ball in the not making the goal keeper look like an amazed spectator. Not surprisingly Klinemann is one of the most fightly marked forwards in the

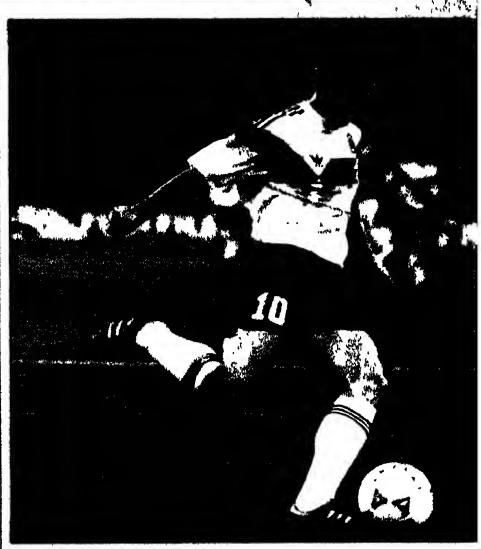


entire Italian League as he has struck 14 goals for his club, Inter Milan, in the domestic league, while six have come in the UEFA fixtures. Clearly, he is the master of deft tackles and body dodges and has the ability to overcome any opposition with his immaculate play.

Inter Milan's coach, Giovenni Trapattoni says, "Good...very good, that's how you can describe Jurgen. He has the toughness of a German and the shrewdness of an Italian. He is the best forward in Italy because he beats Italians at their own game." Explains Klinsmann himself" You have to be on the move all the time because an accidental push or a kick can end your entire season. It's a tough league, but highly competitive which is one of the reasons I enjoy playing here the most."

At Inter, Jurgen, Lothar and Brehme are the strike force, the lumbar vertebras of the super successful club. Lother Matthaeus, the German captain, too has come in his colours in Italy, His World Cup form continues and today he is amongst the leading scorers in the league. The undisputed hero of the World Cup '90, European Footballer of the Year and now the Footballer of the Year, the 30-year-old Matthaeus is worshipped by his countrymen. He is known to go for the jugular as soon as the ball is kicked off. Which is one of the reasons why he is marked so heavily on the turf. Matthaeus had "there is only one way to play I know and that is to win." His attitude towards the game is expected for he plays in one of the toughest leagues in the world A midfield dynamo, Matthaeus is one of the leading scorers in Italy, with 13 goals in the domestic and five in the Euro club competitions.

In fact, when he moved to Italy he was a workhorse whose only strong point was his ability to run endlessly But all that changed when he shifted to Inter Milan for \$4.5 million. It was in Italy that his march towards superstardom began as he started mastering the art of aggression and powerplay.



In Italy, Matthaeus feels he has slowly grasped the Latin style which he uses to his benefit whenever required. Says Trapattoni, "He is the universal player, a complete modern footballer." In fact, many experts believe that after moving from Bayern Munich to Inter Milan, he has become more methodical and a much more mature footballer. In fact, his 1988 transfer to Italy has made him the best purveyor of continental style of soccer.

Though Matthaeus may be the best he is closely followed by Rudi Voeller, the German who has displayed an unwavering penchant for consistency. Voeller who moved to Italy from Werder Bremen, four years ago has been averaging 11 goals a season despite being injury-prone. Playing for Roma, Voeller has

to his controversial mannerisms. Yet, he is one of the most carefully guarded players for Roma, This season alone he has accumulated 16 goals, 11 in the league and five at the Euro level. Says Voeller "The Italians are happy even if you play one game and score a spectacular goal. Despite my injuries, my fans have been really supportive." But what the one-time Footballer of The Year does not add is that he has been tamed by Roma officials who were sick of his errant ways. To this the German says, "Mave become more mature." Nevertheless, Voeller delivers. The hattrick he scored against Anderiecht of Belgium in a UEFA Cup quarter-final is ample proof of his abilities.

despite being injury-prone.

Playing for Roma, Voeiler has always been in the news all thanks by controversy. The 29-year-old



midfielder joined Inter Milan in 1988 after moving from Bayern Munich at a reported price of \$3 million and ever since has been a key figure in Inter's game plan. Despite hitting the goal post onlysix times this season. Brehme remains one of the most important players for Inter. Says Trapattoni, "With Brehme around, I am confident that no one will get anywhere near our goal. He is too fast, too nimble and too sharp to

be just a defender." To this Brehme adds, "At Inter, we just play football and that's what I like about the club."

Perhaps Thomas Hassler likes Italy for the same reason. At 23, he has already been proclaimed as one of the greatest midfielders ever which is hardly surprising because he has proved to be the best and the most effective weapon in the arsenal of his club,

Lother Mattheeus.....a complete modern footballer

Juventus. A heady mix of speed, swiftness and aggression, Hassler is one of the most unpredictable players on the turf. And his dedication and enthusiasm for the game prompted Juventus to sign up this part time draughtsman for a whooping \$8.8 million, making him the most expensive player in the German history. An investment which has paid rich dividends. Proving to be pivotal playmaker for the club, his combined efforts with Baggio have resulted in ten netters. Says Hassler, "With colleagues like Baggio and Schillachi, I have to deliver all the time. This has made my game more rounded and much more controlled than it was with Cologne FC."

Apart from these five players one of the dark horses to have emerged on top in the Italian League is Thomas Berthold whom Beckenbauer calls the "finest attacking defender in the world."

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It is high praise for the 25-year-old who moved to Roma 18 months ago and now plays alongside his fellow countryman Rudi Voeller, Berthold started his pro-career playing for Eintracht Frankfurt, later moving on to Verone in 1986. Three years later he came to Roma and realised his full potential. In spite of his young age, he has played alongside and against the best.

Berthold was part of the Rest of The World squad which played against Liverpool three years ago. And that speaks volumes about his talent. One of the reasons he is so highly respected is due to the fact that he has two World Cup finals and 45 international matches behind him. His strong points are his pace, technique and heading ability which has saved Roma from dire straits on numerous occasions. Says he, "If I had all these talents, it was in Italy I perfected them. It is a tough job playing against some of the world's best players. And I have gained the most playing here."

Not just Berthold. In fact all Germans are unanimous when it comes to playing soccer in Italy. Says Brehme, "Not only does one get good money, but also the nuances of the game you learn here are priceless." The fan adulation and the public support a player gets in Italy can be a heady confidence booster.

Matthaeus is very happy that he moved to Italy. Says he, "I have improved my game because the Italian League is the strongest in the world consisting of the world's best players like Gullit and Van Basten. Adds Klinsmann, "Italy is a different culture. They talk endlessly about football. Here you cannot fool the fans. When I first came to join Inter, I was a very different sort of a player. I did not realise how much I still had to learn about the game." Many cite this German modesty as the sole reason for their popularity. Unlike the Dutch and the South Americans, the Germans are no prima donnas. They are professionals who keep their promises. That's all! Edwin Burgo

NEWSMEN FEATURES

### STRAIGHT TALK

Gunning For Sunny

T's really not as if Mr. Sunil Gavaskar can say whatever he wants and get away with it. In case you guys are woefully out of touch, we're refer ring to his post Ranji final analysis where Sunny really blasted the Bombay Cricket Association (BCA) and asked them to do a bit of spring cleaning (i.e. clear out the cobwebs from their cupboards).

Talk retaliation and you're talking a certain Mr. Mahaddalkar's language. The secretary of the BCA, has decided to do some straight talking. He's expressed surprised at Gavaskar's reference to 'cobwebs in the BCA's cupboards'. Pointing out that, "We have in the past few years tried to streamline the working of the office and had even approached Mr. Gavaskar for his help, time and guidance,

which I'm glad to say he willingly gave. If, in spite of this, he still thinks that there are cobwebs yet to be cleared, he should let us know.'

Gavaskar had also castigated the BCA in his column for playing the Ranji final in Bombay instead of Harvana where it was scheduled.

Sunny and the BCA should clear out their cobwebs

Mahaddalkar retaliates: "Sunil has played enough cricket to know that theories do not work on a cricket field. There are always those glorious uncertainties which make this game fascinating and interesting." Then he provides us with the final coup de grace, "Would the playing of the match here been justified had Bombay scored the required three runs?" Touche!

### **DON'T WORRY**

BJP



Chetan Chauhan: relieving guys have promised to politics from sport

OLITICS in sport? Yessir, and it's been that way ever since the word sport was invented. So that's the reason why we're gonna give you a dose of the BJP manifesto in this otherwise totally apolitical column. These put India on the Olympic map of the world while the

other parties do not even make a reference. Here.

digest this:

The BJP manifesto says that the party will encourage sports as the way to health, strength and the sheer joy of living. It also says that the party (if voted to power) will, in line with its stated objective, create a new ministry of health, nutrition and sports. It will thus, take sports away from the ministry of human resource development.

The manifesto further says that every school will be helped to have a playground. The party will ensure college admission and job security to sportspersons. The BJP will also respect the Olympic charter and autonomy of the sports bodies and prevent politicisation of sport. Maybe now Chetan Chauhan can get out of sport what sport couldn't give to him.

00, hum! And now for a bit of British football. If these guys are not going to jail for drunken driving, then they're trying out fancy tackles and injuring themselves in the process. And if they're way beyond all this, what do they do? Indulge in a bit of promiscuity and get sued, that's what!

Yes, England's defender Paul Parker is in a spot of bother. The Queens Park Rangers defender has been accused by a 21-year-old fan, Louise Erkshire, of being the father of her five-year-old daughter, Grace (how ironic!). The 26-vear-old Parker, in an attempt to prove his innocence has agreed to take blood tests to refute these charges.

Although Parker

### FATHER DEAR

**Bad News** 

has been granted a temporary reprieve after the case was adjourned for three months by

Paul Parker: soccer's 'Ghost Daddy'





Prince Charles has learnt to throw princely tantrums

### THE 'ROYAL' PAIN

The Prince plays polo

JUST because you're royalty doesn't mean that you're a good sport. Ditto for Prince Charles. The Prince of Wales threw a tantrum at a polo match recently, when he didn't get his way with the umpire. The Prince, angry with the umpire for pulling him up for obstruction, shouted at him and hurled down his polo stick. This was his first competitive match after recovering from a broken arm.

The furious Prince, playing at the Cirencester Polo Club—the site of his last accident—shouted, "I was on the bloody line," when the umpire ruled that he had broken the first law of the game by obstructing an opponent. The rules of polo

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state that crossing the right of way is one of the most dangerous fouls of the game and can result in serious injury. The Prince, as adamant as ever, clearly disputed that he had committed the cardinal crime.

That it wasn't his day was proved moments later, when he was involved in a collision with an opposition player, Hubert Perrodo, who fell down and lay dazed for several minutes.

Did Charles apologise? No, instead he leant forward and quipped at Perrodo: "Perhaps you thought I was the goal post." They call that royal humour.

magistrates. Louise Erkshire is determined to seek compensation saying, "Paul Parker is the father of my child."

It has been quite a vear for the black defender, who has been in and out of the national squad following injuries. His form is fluctuating. So, it seems, are his morals. "Football makes me forget other bad news," Parker said. Reticent about the current paternity suit, Parker maintains that he is innocent (as a dove?). But if he's not, then he's in trouble cos' Graham Taylor, a stickler for discipline and proper public image-Parker's not doing too well on those counts-has just shown interest in recalling him for the national squad. Some saving grace, huh?

### **RUN FOR THE MONEY**

Borg's new profession?

'IS brief flirtation with fame over—and having failed-Borg has now decided to skip the 'big ones' and stay back in Rome and practice instead. He has learnt—much to his dismay-that wooden rackets are an anachronism and is currently in Rome trying out new ones while practising with longtime friend Adriano Pannata. He is also trying to find out how fit he is, and going by the results of the intensive tests carried out on him he could be in for quite a pleasant shock. For ladies and gentlemen, should Borg fail in his tennis comeback, he



Borg now has to run for his money

could well line up for another career—as a world class distance runner. In short, he is superbly fit.

Sophisticated medical sessions are being monitored in Riano by Dr Antonio Dal Morte. According to a 'photo' being assembled of the former champion's body, he said, "We have examined all of his bio-physical capacities organ by organ. If Borg wanted to quit tennis today, he could still become a world class long distance runner over 10,000 or 20,000 metres!"

At 35, bankrupt and a tennis failure, the poor guy now has to run for his money.

# EARD the latest? Hollywood's thinking about a remake of Rebel Without A Cause. And since James Dean's no longer around, they're looking for someone to take his place. Guess who's the top choice? Andre Agassi, that racket-slinging dude from

Las Vegas! Now, whether the concept of a remake ever catches on or not, one thing's for certain. This is one guy who's handcrafted to be a rebel. With or without a cause His gear is rebellious. multi-hued tee-shirts tucked disdainfully into denim shorts worn over fluoroscent spandex tights while Donnay specially designed a red, blue and yellow racket to match their glitzy superstar. The look is rebellious, bizarre bleachstriped punk haircuts topping a face that rarely meets a razor, not to mention a earring that completes the ozone look. The smirk comes almost naturally. And

## freewheeling

the attitude is rebellious: who else would tank a set just to get his game back in gear-John McEnroe (another contender for the title-role in the remake!) looking on in amazement when the scoreline read 6-4, 0-6, 6-4 in Agassı's favour at a Los Angeles meet in '88. Or catch Martin Jaite's first serve with his left hand just so that the Argentine could win one game in front of his home crowd when USA took on Argentina in the Davis Cup? And call the head of the International Tennis Federation, Philippe Chatrier "a bozo" when he criticised Agassi's taste in clothing?

But—and it's a very important but—with this rebel has come interest. Just as the tennis world was starting to miss the vivacity of Jimmy Connors and the un-

predictablity of John McEnroe, along comes this long-haired lout who takes the establishment by the scruff of its neck and shakes all hell loose. And the crowds are lapping up every minute of it. Like it or lump it.

Chatrier himself grudgingly admitting, after the 1990 French Open fracas when the Agassi line of tennis wear was strafed by the powersthat-be, that "we have to accept that while we receive hundreds of letters complaining about what Agassi wears, they are all from people over the age of 50 Everyone under the age of 30 approves of what he wears"

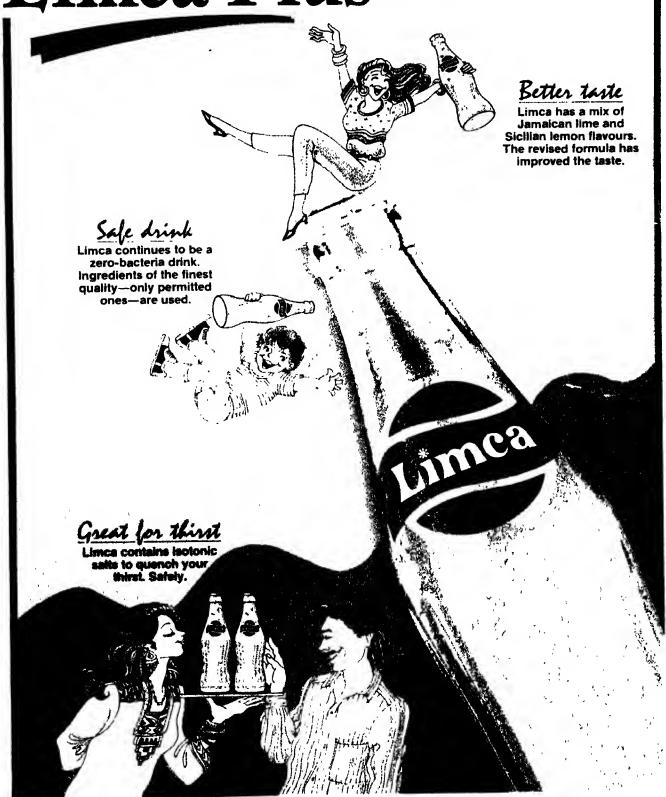
But it's not just what he wears It's the entire package that's rocking tradition. This guy stands against everything time has honoured on the tennis court so far. But then, maybe that's what the sport needs. Would you prefer to watch a tournament featuring four Ivan Lendls, three Bjorn Borgs and a Mats Wilander? Or one that starred Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Yannick Noah, Ilie Nastase, Ivan Lendl, Bjorn Borg, Stefan Edberg...and Andre Agassi? Hey, book me a couple of tickets for the latter any day.

Sure, we like to watch immaculate topspin forehands landing with pinpoint accuracy everytime. But I for one would much rather prefer the excitement—that's the key word-of impetuous genius tempered with flamboyant extravagance Maybe that's why I busted a big chunk of my highly insufficient FTS allowance on an Andre Agassı tee-shirt while holidaying in the US last year It's something I wear with pride Maybe that's my way of being a rebel!

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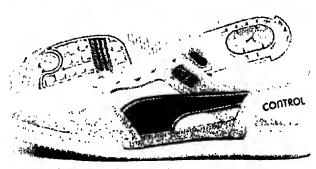
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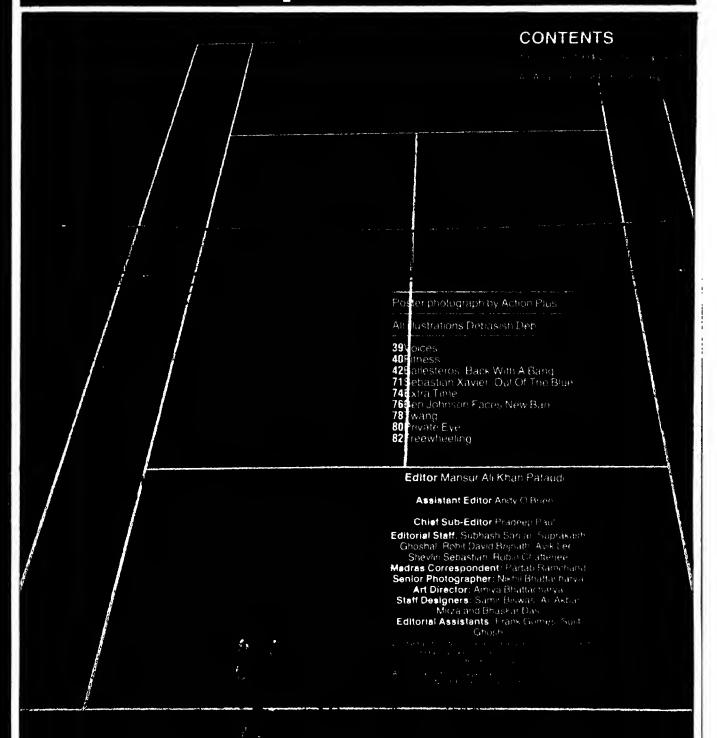
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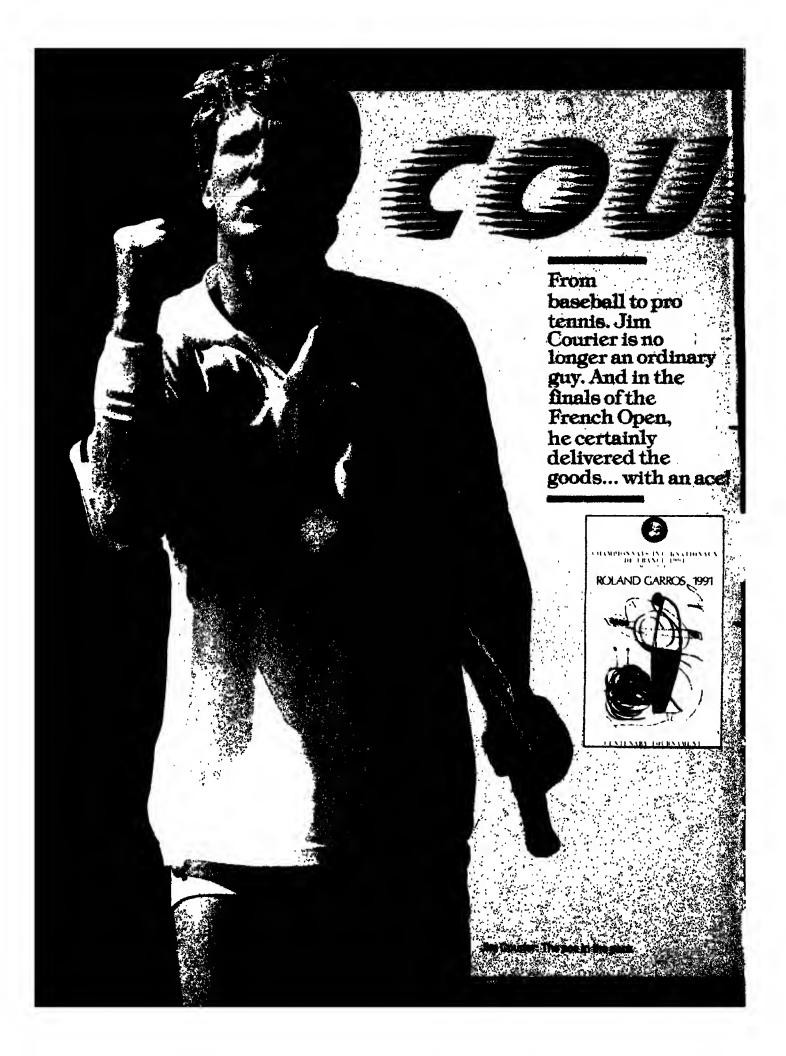
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LORIDA is cool, so is Jim Courier. How does it feel being the French Open champion? 'I can't complain'.

Florida can be hot too, so can Jim Courier.

You seemed to be in conflict with the public at one point in the match against Edberg.

'Someone faked a sneeze when I was serving and that annoyed me. When you're writing your articles, I wouldn't think of coming in to interrupt you. I call that cheap'.

Like what?

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Like playing with his shirt out and a baseball can perched on his head.

What does he look, cheap? No way, said Bdberg, 'He looks like an American to me."

If others can be funny, so can Jim Courier.

At advantage Courier, penultimate game, Edberg serves and allthers in. Courier hits. No mishits, the bell cereening off his frame; and would you believe it, in a fect lob over Edberg's end. I mean, this is a midbit lub or inver on the higgest point of the much. What do to say Jing?

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Linesman says 'yes', Courier says, 'no'. Chair umpire untangles himself, jumps down, puts his nose to the line and says 'no'. Edberg inhales, Courier exhales, But Jim had this happened to you what might you have done?

Well Stefan is very fair, and I'm a fair player. If I call a ball out, Stefan has to believe me, as I would believe him if he said a ball was out, It's not worth losing a friend for a tennis match.

Paris yeas the first time that Courier had made it past the fourth round of a Grand Stam. Though If he had his way he'd rather be at the World Series than at Roland Garros. Meaning tennis is good, but baseball is better. At 13, he made his first adult decision. tennis for baseball, and he still isn't convinced he did the right thing.

'It wasn't the easiest of decisions because I probably like baseball better than . tennis. Money? There's way more money ist baseball. That was a dumb choice in hindstole. I could be making

3 million dollars a year. It was kinda stupid...but I was just

Now this pre-occupation with baseball is interesting. because Jim Courter's forehand has a short compact awing more suited to home runs than winners: An influence somewhere here?

Yes, it's from going back between temps and baseball when I was young and I've

blended the two together." And why his forehead is his most feareome weapon, is a question best answered by two words: Nick Bollitieri.

A huge forehand is a Bollitieri trademark. In the early years it was Aaron. Krickstein and Jimmy Arias, one shot boys, who took a long time after initial succes to make their mark. Courter and Agassi are later Bollitheri models, whose game is less one-dimensional-the forehand is the shot but the backhand is not wimpish by any standards, though it's always double-handed.

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# SIT'S MONICASELES T





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Monica Seles has grown up from a giggling girl to a mature champion with a new look



At 17, this teenager wellds a racquet with skill that few can match

earrings pulling her ears to the floor and a huge necklace to match. Hair short. Washed and tousled. Not a giggle, and boy did the boys go wild. Whistles and catcalls. And only then did her lips curi briefly into a gentle, self conscious smile. Teenager she still is at 17, but 5 ft 9 in tall and attractive, and blooming and on god's earth no lady wields a racket with more vibrance. More skill.

that you've come a long way baby. From a small town in Yugoslavia to the pages of *Elle*. Seventeen and Vogue. From No. 86 to top of the heap. From a girl to a young lady. From a potential talent to an aspiring great.

Greatness in tennis today is measured by the Steffi Graph. The German has won 9 Grand Slam titles. Seles only 3. But the Yugoslav has won them all by 17, an age at which Graf was yet to reach a final.

If Seles has years to go to equal Graf's domination on the computer, she is much closer to equalling the German's most astonishing feat: the Grand Slam.

Seles is halfway there, having won Australia and now France, but knows only too well that pressure notwithstanding, Wimbledon and the US Open represent tournaments of failure for her.

'It's going to be hard and the key will be Wimbledon. I have never got past the fourth round at the US Open and that is there. For Wimbledon I need to serve and volley to do well. I have been doing it in practice, but haven't tried it out with the clay season. I play well from the baseline, but I don't want to be a player who can only

"NO BVENT will change my life. I don't think tennis can influence your life. I won my first Grand Slam title when I didn't think I would. It changed my life in the press...it didn't change my life inside though. "-Seles"



do that. I don't want to stay on the baseline. I have to cut the cake sometime'

If the US Open, a surface that suits her style, is assuming the form of a jinx, a la Borg, at Wimbledon the question is more complex. As Ivan Lendl would testify. It is a matter of self belief. Does Seles believe that she can win?

'People sort of put it in your mind. They say you can't win Wimbledon from the baseline. I am out to prove to myself that i can play on grass. That I can serve and volley. You have to be able to play on all surfaces. I might lose some matches, but in the long run it will help'.

Seles' conscious need to add a new dimension and become more an all-court player is a futuristic move. Courageous and sensible. Sabatini's transition last year, which she refers to with respect, is obviously been noted carefully. To stay one step ahead of the opposition does not merely require thought on court. but fresh thinking off it. In that context, Graf's refusal to change coaches and style, as everybody suggests, is being seen as foolish.

But then Graf's weak point, her father Peter, is in Seles' case a

Seles' mother and father has been the source of inspiration. Her father, Karolj especially appreciates what his daughter has achieved

strength. Karolj Seles is quite a guy. A cartoonist and television director, he has nurtured his daughter well. He is not overtly demanding or protective, unlike Peter Graf, allowing Monica freedom of choice. And going by her shopping sprees and modelling assignments, is not restraining or restrictive. Allowing his daughter to choose her own avenues of life, by allowing her space to experience, he has ensured she does not live in a cocoon and is aware that she must tread the world outside the circuit. When she retires, social mal-adjustment will not ever be Monica's problem.

Unlike Peter Graf. Karolj Seles is far more relaxed, less anxious, less girdled. When his daughter plays, even in the final this year, he applauds not only her, but also winners hit by her opponent. The match over, Seles had raced up to kiss him. And when she publicly thanked him in her acceptance speech, Karolj's face exploded in a grin and he madly blew kisses to the crowd all the time bowing in

self deprecatory humour. No wonder then that Seles bubbles with joy, with well being, and her more balanced view of life is reflected in her answers.

On being No. 1, a situation that unnerves players, male and female she says. 'It is great being No. 1, but sooner or later i will lose, that is only normal. I enjoy being No. 1, i don't regret it like some players do. i am just playing tennis and enjoying it. I won't put any pressure on myself. Winning matches is the most important thing for me and anything on top is a bonus'.

But surely all those Grand Slam titles must have changed her life?

'No. No event will change my life. I don't think tennis can influence your life. I won my first Grand Slam title when I didn't think I would win it. It changed my life in the press when i won the title. It didn't change my life inside though'

in the world of Monica Seies things are well. A young girl has gone and grown up and become a champion. One that everybody loves.

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n Ralph's suggestion the Secret Seekers quickly cycled to the museum on their BSA SLRs.

"Let's speak to the watchman," said Vipul. But the burly man wouldn't. At the robbery site Vipul picked up a museum staff badge. Why wasn't the watchman wearing one? Pooja also observed that the left side of his moustache was drooping. "Must be a false one," added Vipul.

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"Look, the imprint of a star-crossed shoe," exclaimed Vipul. Ralph sped off

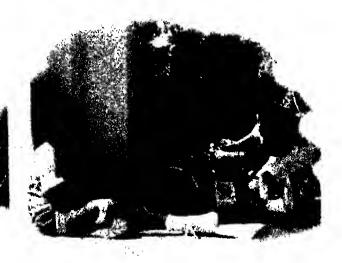


on his BSA SLR to call the police. The others followed the shoe's trail to the Master Cave. What is that?! A starcrossed shoe! A few feet ahead, Pooja picked a false moustache.

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Inside the dark cave, voices suddenly boomed. Braking gently on their BSA SLRs, the Secret Seekers took cover. "The boat docks in 15 minutes," boomed one. "Badshah khush hoga," said another.

No sign of Ralph and the police!



Handing the shoe and the moustache to one of the gang,
Pooja ordered, "Lead us to your Badshah". "This should make it easier," added Vipul, handing the museum staff badge.

Who is the Badshah? It is the Museum's watchman of course!

While Vipul followed them on his BSA SLR, Pooja waited. Soon they arrived and Pooja guided them to the docks. A short while later, the gang was nabbed.

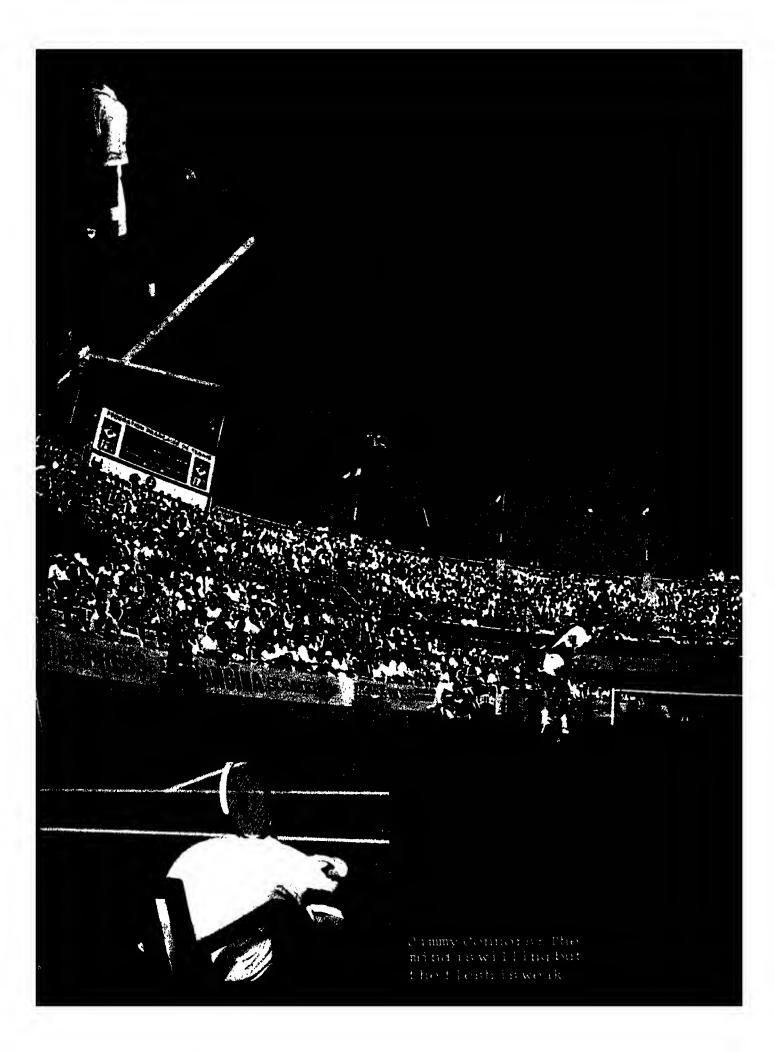
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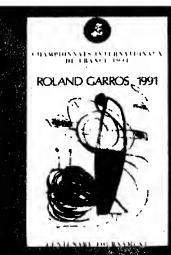
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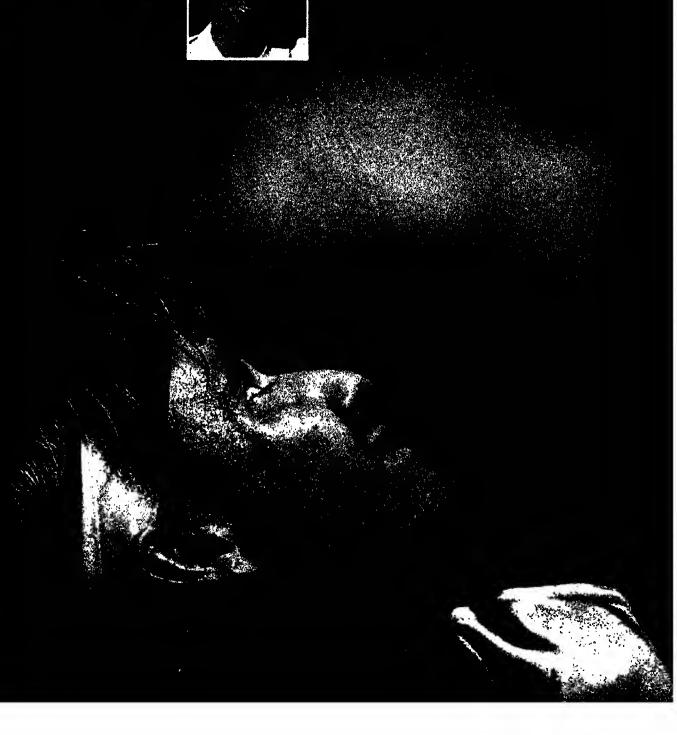
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And you thought Andre Agassi was wrend ' FRENCH OPEN TENNIS

# FEATS OF CLAY!



Cincinatti Reds is where Courier's heart belongs. But his guts are all spilled out on Roland Garros' Center Court-it's their latest exhibit on the centenary year tourist show

HAT's with French champions anyway? First Gomez from Guayaquil. Now Courier from Dade City.

Dade City? Someone said it was Dodge. But that was Wyatt Earp's town. Batwing bar doors and shootouts at dawn. Courier's kind of town maybe, going by his violent strokeplay.

Dade City. Just another speck on the American atlas. Population 8000. Vocabulary till a fortnight ago: two words...orange juice. Now Paris has expanded that. Orange Juice, Jim Courier.

Facing page:
Andre
Agassi:
second time
unlucky;
(Inset) Jim
Courier:
the champ





Dade City. Courier calls it 'hicksville' and he's a bit of a hick himself. Surly. Burly. Not since Nastase hit Wimbledon with an umbrella during play, has someone made headgear a part of tennis dress. Baseball cap, Jeezel

Baseball, Cincinatti Reds is where Courier's heart belongs. But his guts are all spilled out on Roland Garros' Center Court-it's their latest exhibit on the centenary year tourist show.

And what a party Paris was having. Only problem was, everyone was going c'est magnifique so loud that no-one noticed Jose Higueras mutter on day one to Courier. 'Ok batter up, boy'. And Courier, like some Joe Dimaggio with a tennis racket, touched that cap, first the peak then the back, and began swiping home runs. Derrick Rosiagno. Bang. Wayne Ferriera, Bang, Magnus Larsson, Bang. Todd Martin. Bang. Stefan Edberg. Bang. Michael Siich. Bang. Andre Agassi. Bang.

So what if the tennis didn't warm the heart? Or goose bump the arms? So what if he beat guys like Martin and Larsson? Sounds almost like a law firm. No joke, because they play like weekend atiorneys in the park. So what if Andre's mind was in Las Vegas and he played all the wrong cards?

So what?

#### THE CAST

TERE's what. Courier's won  $oldsymbol{\Pi}$ just four titles. That's it. And one is a Grand Slam! Like Michael-ihat's short Chang not all Stich-has a mere three titles. And one is a Grand Slam! And Pete Sampras goes out 3, 1 and 1 to Theirry Champion, whose besi statistic is being a fan of Borg's. And Sampras has won a Grand Slam! Thank God, Ivanisevic hasn't.

Okay, to be fair, these young mys are starting out. They're in lux. Developing. And the best of Courier, Chang, Agassi, Ivanisevic s yet to come. But how come Grand Slams come so cheap?

Who knows. Maybe because the old guys went and gave tennis the fitch. Lendl's skiing downhill. Mac's already taken residence at

#### Andre Agassi: lacking big match temperament

the bottom. And Wilander's lost midway in some mental avalanche. So Connors had to climb down from his TV booth and make up for all of them.

Now that's a thought. At four months from 39, he's nearly 20

years older than

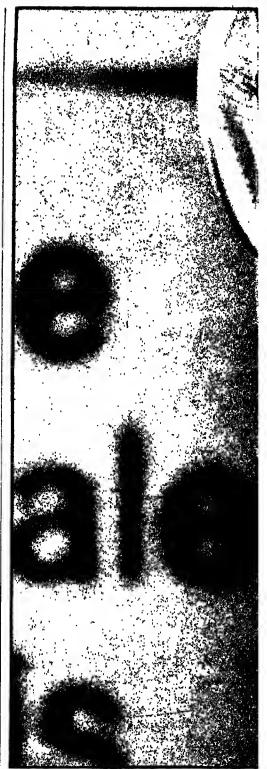
Chang-legitimately old enough to be his father-and he takes Chang to five sets. At the French. On clay. Hoo boy, doesn't say much for the young ones now, does it?

Worse, Edberg is such a sissy on clay that you thank God for Boris. He came out of Paris sporting a new halo. For, having grown up on clay courts, now 11 years later he's returned to pay his dues. Now Becker is watchable-heart, desire and screams of despondency and despair. Moody, skilful, human. And warm and sponianeous, even in defeat. In stark comparison, the most human thing Courier did all fortnight was climb up the umpires' chair to discuss a line call, in the interview room he scores 2 for personality.

#### THE MATCH

ND what about the tennis? AThe match? Early afternoon. three parachutists came floating down on final day. One carrying the French Federation banner. The other two with 1891 and 1991 flags.

Loser maybe. Yet one thing you've gotta say for the kid (Agassi), he has some good lines. He is the world's numero uno groundstroker. The best of the rest of young talent. Yet, when they asked him if the loss · was a shock, and it must have been, he quietly said, "That would be discrediting Jim." Way to go, Jose!



We thought that was a signal for Andre and Jim to take the final back up there into the ozone. Agassi had other plans. He was busy burying himself. The clay looked a paler shade of red after the match, and it wasn't the rain. It was Andre's tears.



Maybe the audience unnerved him. The French had invited and announced the presence of Henri Cochet, Ken Rosewall, Pancho Segura, Budge Patty, Nicola Peirangeli, Ilie Nastase, Donald Budge, Lew Hoad, Marcel Bernard. Only one not-former-champion was mentioned-yup, Jimbo-and you should have seen the French rising, eyes zoning in on Connors up there in the commentary box and screaming their fool heads off. They love him. He's a winner. And Agassi's getting all mixed up to

why he isn't.

Las Vegas is like some neon mirage. Perhaps Andre's mind isn't really there too. Strategically, he learnt zero from his Gomez loss. When Courier bounced back, literally, after the rain break to 10 feet behind the baseline and then



moved in, Agassi's brain shortcircuited. Instead of playing his old buddy and keeping the point going, he was seduced by impatience and went too hard and fast for winners. Over the baseline. Wide of the sideline. Into the net. The world's best shotmaker was becoming his own undertaker.

Worse, not a serve went right all afternoon. And with Courier engulfing the court with a storm of winners, Andre knew it was going to be 0-3 in Grand Slam finals. Have a heart, God, he must be saying. Life in tennis doesn't get tougher than it has been for Andre. "Who knows how long it will take for me to get over this. I don't know how I'm going to respond to it. In the past it hasn't

Connors clowning around with a bail boy. He took time off from his injuries and employers NBC to enthrail the crowds with his clowning and his game

taken too long. When I look back and think about it, I see the things to be thankful for. I lost in the finals which is better than what the other 126 players did. It won't take long," he said. No worries, kid. Ivan the Great lost his first four Grand Slam finals. In fact, he lost six of his first 7 finals. Then he didn't stop winning.

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Talking about Jose's, that man Higueras has now gone 2 out of 2. He held Chang's hand in 1989 and now Courier's-no way is this Jose a loser. Neither, in a sense, is ice-cool. Nick Bollitieri. Look at it this way-Courier, Agassi and Seles were/ are his proteges. And even though Higueras' subtle advice on tactics tilted the final Courier's way, it was that Bollitieri-learnt mother of all forehands that Courier won the match with.

#### THE CURTAIN CALL

COURIER now expects to be in the US Davis Cup team and can captain Tom Gorman keep



him out? He has Chang, Agassi, Sampras and now another new boy. Somehow the cycle is moving again and Europe's riches have dwindled. But like Chang, Sampras and Ivanisevic, the pressure of performing consistently will hurt Courier. Sampras has already advised his former roomie "not to play Wimbledon," aware that like Gomez's first round loss there after his 1990 Paris win makes everything seem screwy.

Hey, but you've gotta give that Dade City hick his due. 3-6, 4-4, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 is something you can't take away from him. Was it skill? Or courage? Or both, but perhaps not in such large proportions? Who cares? What are we to judge? The winner's



Boris Becker gets court side assistance during time out. He, however, played his best clay court tennis

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board...that's the final truth. And 60 places under Henri Cochet's name comes Jim Courier's. That's good company to be in history with.

It was a strange summer but winning always makes it feel better. Courier lay on the ground, a little clay to take home on his shirt, threw his racket past Andre (now what was that?) but made up by saying "sorry buddy" in his victory speech. Nothing new here. Not even his race to the stands to hug Higueras—Cash holds the patent on that.

But wait a minute, wait a minute, where was the cap? In the stands, Jim? With some dude who thinks baseball is a video game? Why, Jim? "It was a special hat for me this time but now I will look ahead. This tournament is finished."

Way to go then, Jim!

## "I'M GLAD I DIDN

Ivan Lendl took ages to win his first Grand Slam tournament. Andre Agassi now follows suit. Jim Courier is the guy with a difference, winning his first Grand Slam tournament in his very first appearance in a final. In this post-match interview, he shares his thoughts with the Press

Press: Jim, Is this the happiest moment of your life?

Courier: There have been lots of happy moments in my life and there will be a lot more, but this one at the moment is the happiest.

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Agassi looked shocked and a little stunned after what happened out there. Were you surprised yourself about what happened in the last two sets?

Andre was playing well and I just fought my way through and kept hitting the ball. I could either win it or lose and losing is not the worst thing that can happen to you. So I just did what I could and fortunately it was enough for me.

Did you plan any strategy during the rain break?

During the break, i went to the locker room and sat with Jose and he told me that I needed to back up on Andre's serve. I was getting hurt so I backed up about 10 feet behind the baseline and started getting the ball in deep and working the ball out rather than being in a deficit straightaway. This was a turnaround for me. I came back, he served and broke and that got me into the match. It was the beginning for me.

How would you analyse Agassi's game after the third set?

He definitely dropped a little, but basically it was me who kept fighting. At the moment everything is a muddle in my head right now, so I can't pinpoint what exactly happened. He started missing a few shots and was maybe trying to play too fast. The big difference in the fourth set was that my serve was better and I got a few easy points. You definitely played more volleys. Was that decided with Jose Higueras? It wasn't a tactic to come to the net. But it was a result of our tactics to be a little more aggressive so I was able to hit some forehands and get in behind him. The moment I saw him go up with a slice, I'd make a beeline for the net.

Your initial reaction after winning was quite spontaneous. Did you realise you would react like that?

No. Actually it was spontaneous. I was trying hard not to think about it when I got to match-point. I was trying to focus on the point and not about what to do afterwards. I wanted to make him hit some balls and be aggressive when I could. I think I did an ace at that point. At 5/4 and 40/15 two quick points and you're back to deuce and anything can happen after that.

Geing back to 5/4, you were sitting on the chair and you had broken Agassi.

What did you say to yourself. Did you think of the weather conditions. The wind



## THAVE TO WAIT"



for example?

Well, the conditions had been that way for the last couple of games so that was the last thing on my mind. During changeovers, I try not to think. But I told myself that it was the first game in the match and I should play it like that.

Did you have any funny thoughts at any moment during the match?

I was just concentrating.

Can you visualise Agassi's reactions during the next few menths?

Well, I don't know what his reaction will be. He's got to be a little disappointed losing a Grand Slam title thrice in a row. It's a pretty good feeling to get there and he'll have his day, he's too good a player. Maybe he'll work even harder to get it.

Lend! had to wait for a pretty long time to win his first Grand Slam tournament.

Agassi also. How do you explain your success?

Why I was able to do it I don't know. It's just the roll of the dice I guess. Someone's got to win and someone has to lose. I'm glad I didn't have to wait but if I was on the other side of the coin I would just keep fighting and work hard to come back.

Can you say anything about the time when you took his service. There were

some key points.

Well the conditions were tough. The ball zig zagged a lot. The whole thing was to make him hit and run it down and get it back anyway l could, not give him easy points. In that wind anything can happen. is it sweet revenge for you to beat Agassi, the favourite Nick Boilettieri pupil? (Courier was also taught by Bollettieri but later on feli out with him) No, the past is the past.

in the third set at 40/40, you made a sign of the cross. Why?

I can't remember why. I think it was because he hit a good forehand Are you going to get yourself a new cap? You threw the last one to the crowd. I wear a lot of caps, each player wears what he likes. It was a special

cap for me this time. but now I will look ahead. This tournament is finished.

How do you feel about Wimbledon?

Don't spoil my day. I'm going home and then to the ATP Headquarters to practice and then I'll go to Wimbledon, I have confidence, but it's a different surface and I'll have to change my game. You see I'm not a favourite.
You only have three rackets?

l came with 10 rackets and played in Hamburg and Rome. Hater found out that one of the rackets was shorter than the others and I realised that I had a mixed bag of rackets, so someone had to bring me more. I felt good with three. So everytime one broke, I had to get it mended.

Will you become a member of the Davis Cup team?

I think I'll be a member of the team if we play Germany. I think I'll be

You talked shout Jose and what he did for you, did you ever think about Chang this wask?

Well it just speaks for Jose's coaching abilities, and it's special to share it (the victory). He's just one hell of a guy. Michael Chang won this tournament two years ago, now it's my turn (Higueras was Chang's coach in 1989).

Did you call home?

No, because my parents were not there but I'm going to call them now. Jim Courier defled the odds and surprised even himself by lifting the title

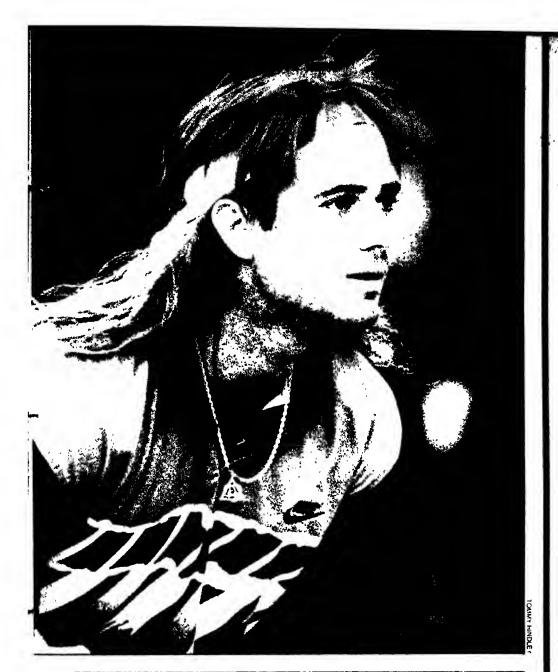




# CHANGES!







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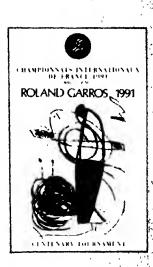
Becker in black shorts! That's a change, Also it's a change to see the normally fit Becker all strapped up

The smiling good looks are gone. This is what Mets Wilander looked like at the French Open.

in an age when tennis players are flashing the colours, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario phose to wear black and white

Agassi went overboard with the colours in the early rounds at Paris. In the final he added a dash of white to his T-shirt. An implication of things to come at Wimbledon?

#### **PHOTO FEATURE**



#### PERSONALLY SPEAKING

HE chef at the Roland Garros restaurant was a fine fellow. Or was he? He wore a funny hat but a less amusing air of arrogance and looked at cheese on my plate, my glass of wine and visibly blanched then to give me my choice of a main dish. This was absurd.

In Wimbledon, it never happened.
They're too polite to say so. In Australia, it never happened. They don't care. In Paris, it obviously happens. It seems my palate was too gauche, that my choice of dishes didn't match, and the chef's gourmet sensibilities were being terribly offended.
"Monsieur" he carried on incoherently,

Roland Garros: home of designer labels, gourmet food and tricky tennis



## C'est Confusion!

### ROHIT BRIJNATH compares the job of reporting a French Open to the Australian Open and Wimbledon...and comes

#### away a little disappointed

which was foolish for I understood nothing. But I should have-*Impasse*-in Paris I was to learn that was the key word.

Like the receptionist at the quaint hotel on some forgotten cobbled lane, who refused to acknowledge my request for a beer. Marseille was playing Monaco in the French Cup final and the television held priority over a nagging guest. He eventually conceded when I threatened to switch off his set, but had a team scored in that 30-second interlude, my body would have returned home in a coffin.

Or like the immigration officer who quizzed me for 20 minutes with questions more imbecelic than "How do you feel on winning Jim Courier," till I managed to explain that I was leaving Paris not entering, and perhaps these questions should have been asked then, not now. He seemed relieved at my presence of mind and immediately wished me a fine stay in Paris.

C'est confusion.

Nothing really, not tourist maps, encyclopaedic history or a smile can help

Line calls go well with the word notorious here. For, as Seles astutely observed after her final, "It seems strange a linesman calls it out and the umpire sees it in"...her argument works in Paris for the ball makes an easily identifiable mark on the clay

you in the Roland Garros. Either you do things their way or not at all.

The crowds are notoriously partial and if they do not like you, it is better to leave. But they are also notoriously unpredictable, and if McEnroe once held the patent on turning cheering crowds into jeering ones, in Paris players can manage that quite easily. A mere disputed line call being enough to the public.

Line calls go well with the word notorious here. For, as Seles astutely observed after her final, "it seems strange a linesman calls it out and the umpire sees it in. It seems hard to see that four different people (2 players, linesman, umpire) have two different opinion." Seles' argument works in Paris for the ball makes an easily identifiable mark on the clay.

To take this line call issue further, perhaps one should embrace McEnroe's tirades. Not criticise them. If, on clay, so many calls are reversed on closer inspection, imagine what must be happening on less revealing surfaces. Mac

indeed may have been getting his pocket

picked for a long time.

The dress sense at Roland Garros too is remarkably different from elsewhere. In England they wear everything-ties, pearls, hat, suit etc. In Australia they wear nothing-no pearls, ties, hat, suit etc. But in Paris they wear Dior, Yves St Laurent and Balmain. Indeed it is like some enormous fashion show, so need I say it, my tweed jacket all black and white stripes and red-brown trousers were a source of undisguised scorn.

My luck hardly changed in the Press building. Asking for a score sheet with a winning smile, a lovely French lady screeched questioningly, Simple Dames, Simple Juniors Fillies, Simple Junior Garcons, Simple Messieurs?" Assuming that I was being labelled a 'simpleton' my smile disappeared, but indeed that is merely Roland Garros' terminology for 'Men's Draw, Junior Boys Draw, Junior Girls Draw and Women's Draw'. She then handed over the girl's final sheet, for which I had no use. But at least now one knew that Israel's Smashnova would play Argentina's Gorrochategui and that one umpire somewhere would have a twisted larynx.

C'est confusion! Worse was to follow. Having located the

Line calling at the Roland Garros: is a hazardous occupation



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Press door to No. 1 Court, but blissfully unaware where on the court it opened to, I blustered through. Alas, the door opened at ground level, ten feet from the baseline, and Natalie Tauziat, in the process of serving, was distracted by a fast moving tweed jacket. Interrupting her motion, she gave me a look that signified nothing remotely of fondness.

Revenge. Graf killed Tauziat. But a search for a match statistics sheet to sneer at Tauziat's defeat proved as disconcerting. While Nombre de Double Faults was easily translated, there was nothing to make of Nb de Revers Perdants or Nombre D'amorties Perdantes. The French Telecom lady helped but when I said "Thank you" she said "never mind" three times. Although it did cross my mind to suggest the phrase was 'You're welcome' my fear of Parisian ladies was now greater than my love for correct English.

C'est scared!

But there was more to Roland Garros than fear and confusion. A Haagen-Daaz ice cream festival was soothing. The racket exhibition was enchanting. From whence it began, to where it is now, boggled the mind. Some of the earliest wooden rackets resembled badminton rackets in size and fragility, only a thin sliver of wood from throat to the top of the frame on both sides providing support. If Rene Lacoste, or whoever, tried to return a Becker serve from a modern frame with that, he would have spent the next week picking splinters out of his arm.

French television provided some excitement too-in between advertisements for Perrier with John McEnroe and songs from Yannick Noah's terrible new album, they showed an elegance of coverage. Not as innovative as Australia but certainly more complete than BBC. They use eight cameras, two at one end from the top, two from the side on the top, two at either ends at ground level and two on one side at ground level. It gives the best look of play

from a player's eye view.

Yet, in all what happens the French, despite its fabulous red courts and beautiful play, it leaves you without the wonder provided by Australia's dazzling modernity and easy manner or Wimbledon's quiet traditional aura and legend. It is an arena of style, where language counts and so does your choice of meal. It does not move or stir you. It prefers to confound. In the days of Agassi and Courier, one finds little comfort. Perhaps to have seen Borotra and Tilden would have made things more bearable.

# Gooch is a dour man who likes to jog around the field 20 times and is most pleased when his team is following behind him. He has emerged as a fine leader and as a batsman of the most distinguished class... to lead England to a epoch-making victory

## Gooch Grinds C

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Look at it another way. The last time England beat the West Indies, at home both captains tossed with a florin.

To be precise on 15 July 1969, at Headingley quite coincidentally, Ray Illingworth's side beat a Gary Sobers led West indies by 30 runs. If anything, Graham Gooch has done better, his margin of victory 115 runs.

When Illingworth's team won, debutant Sieve Watkins was four years old, Michael Atherton was not yet two and Mark Ramprakash still to be born.

If this present English side is formidably young it also in some senses formidably ordinary. Yet, their strength lies not in their individual flair, but in captain Gooch's plodding, but successful ability to band his men into a cohesive, useful unit.

Five years ago England lent heavily on personalities, on small groups of men with great genius, who played in flashes, in spurts and otherwise broke beds with barmaids and gambled the night away. That Mickey Stewart and Ted Dexter detested this individualistic, indisciplined approach was apparent when Ian Botham and David Gower were dropped from England's 1990 tour to the West Indies as also in the passing of captaincy to Graham Gooch.

This 'be-a-team-man-or-quit attitude' still persists as does the management's belief that whatever calibre of player you may be, the rules apply equally to everyone. This was demonstrated clinically before the first Test, when Gower was dropped for his indiscretions in Australia—his penchant for rash strokes and rash flying- and Allan Lamb being relieved of his vice-captaincy because a man who plays cards with Tony Greig and Kerry Packer till the wee hours of the morning is not fit, even in an emergency to lead England.

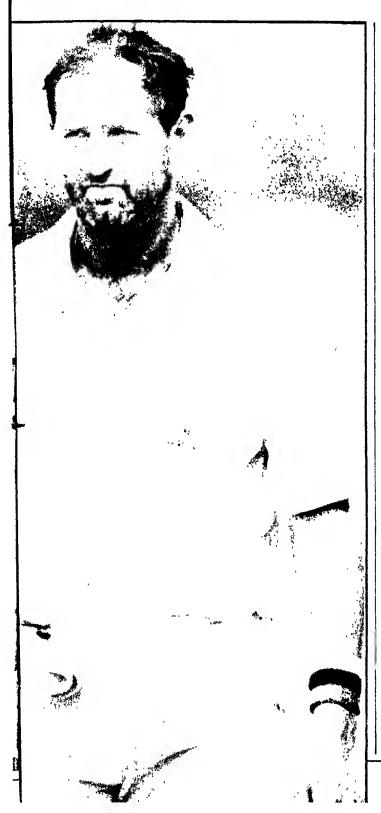
But what of the man who does lead England? Gooch is not an athletic specimen, nor some effusive, exciting personality. He is a dour man who likes to jog around the field 20 times and is most pleased when his team is following behind him. He has emerged as a fine leader and, moreover, as a batsman of the most distinguished class. He alone carried England through, his unbeaten 154 in the second innings, a piece of determined, workmanlike cricket, being enough for his team to ride to victory on.

If the England baiting still lacks depth-only Robin Smith with 54 and Ramprakash with two in-



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### aribbean Charisma



nings of 27 did anything—their bowling is what astonished the most.

Watkins, Pringle, Defreitas and Malcolm can hardly be considered a fearsome foursome, the first a debutant, the second a club class bowler, the third always a promiser and the fourth lacking in consistency. Yet, they bowled the West Indies out for 173 and 162, bowling impressively in the cloudy, windy and helpful conditions. Watkins came away with 5 wickets, Defreitas with eight, Pringle with four and Malcolm with one.

If England held their catches, Gooch taking two marvellous ones in the second innings, the West Indies continue to give the impression of a team suddenly fallible.

With Greenidge out with injury-indeed doctors have confirmed he can play no further part in the series-and Haynes more anxious about his fragile back, the West Indies have in a flash lost the world's best matched and consistent opening pair.

Worse, Richards himself no longer has the reflex and timing to indulge in that wickedly improvised batsmanship that characterised his play. He is a batsman of whim and first-ball-for-a boundary aggression, yet as age dulls his skill, he continues to try and do so when actually he should be more pragmatic and watchful.

In the second innings when so much was demanded of him, he failed and that too quite miserably. After chewing gum through a few singles, he lunged forward to drive Watkins' first ball, a shot that a few years ago would have fetched him six runs, but now with his footwork imprecise, his position incorrect, he managed but a mishit which Gooch gallantly gobbled.

Graham Gooch: a fine leader

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#### Richie Richardson: fascinating

Only Richardson who continues to fascinate and Dujon who is marvellously mature managed to save relative face, and while they will stay, surely Carl Hooper will not, who must have disappointed for the last time...



#### **ENGLAND (First Innings)**

Graham Gooch e Dujon b Marshall 34
Mike Atherton b Patterson 2
Graeme Hick e Dujon b Walsh 6
Allan Lamb e Hooper b Marshall 11
Mark Ramprakash e Hooper b Marshall 27
Robin Smith run out 54
Jack Russell Ibw b Patterson 5
Derek Pringle e Logie b Patterson 16
Phillip Defreitas e Simmons b Ambrose 15
Steve Watkin b Ambrose 2
D. Malcolm not out 5
(Extras Ib-5, w-2, nb-14) 21

Fall of wickets: 1/13; 2/45; 3/45; 4/64; 5/129; 6/149; 7/154; 8/177; 9/181.

Bowling: Ambrose: 26-8-49-2, Patterson: 26.2-8-67-3;

Walsh: 14-7-31-1; Marshall: 13-4-46-3

West Indies (First Innings)

Total 198

Phil Simmons c Ramprakash b Defreitas 38 Desmond Haynes c Russell b Watkin 7 Richie Richardson run out 29
Carl Hooper run out 0
Viv Richards c Lamb b Pringle 73
Gus Logie c Lamb b Defreitas 6
Jeff Dujon C Ramprakash b Watkin 6
Malcolm Marshall c Hick b Pringle 0
Curtley Ambrose c Hick b Defreitas 3
Patrick Patterson not out 5
Extras: (lb-1; nb-5): 6

Total 173

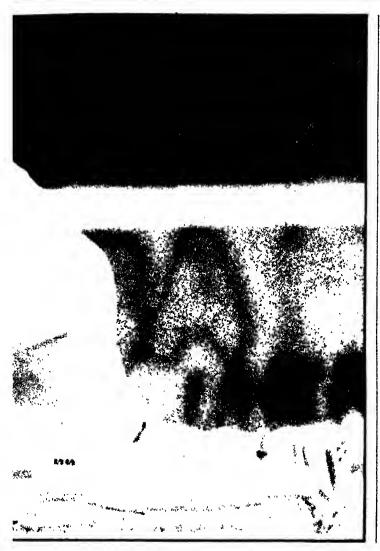
Fall of wickets: 1/36; 2/54; 3/58; 4/102; 5/139; 7/160; 8/165 9/167 Bowling:

Malcolm: 14-0-69-0 Defreitas: 17. 1-5-34-4 Watkins: 14-2-55-2 Pringle: 9-3-14-2

ENGLAND (Second Innlings)

Graham Gooch not out 154

Mike Atherton c Dujon b Ambrose 6



Only Richardson, who continues to fascinate and Dujon who is marvellously mature, managed to save relative face, and while they will stay, surely Carl Hooper will not, who must have disappointed for the last time.

Brian Lara, left handed and eager, has spent enough time in the wings and now, in tough circumstances, his skills or lack of them, is what England is to soon find out.

While the bowlers have been doing their job as incisively as ever-England were bowled out for 198 and 252-it is the West Indies batsmen on whom the onus now lies. Indeed, in their last 14 Tests the Windies have been bowled out for less than 200, 10 times. Not a pleasant piece of statistics for a team whose catchline is arrogance.

Gooch, his face for once all smiles, put it down as expected to a collective thrust! "It could have done either way, but we stuck it out and it was an all-round team effort. We believed we could do it and we did. This will help our confidence and there is no reason why we can't do it again."

Richards, less volatile than ever before, was coo!, but offered England both congratulations and a warning. "It was a wonderful performance by England, but they'd better be wary. We've got to look forward now to ways of knocking those guys down next time. And I don't mean with bouncers."

Yet, as England savoured their champagne, un fortunately there came two bits of bad tidings.

The first was lan Botham, whose hamstring is healing gradually, but expressed reluctance to play the second Test, deciding it would be more sensible to play the third.

The second was a piece of statistics that England should not overlook. This is the third time in their last four series that the West Indies have lost the opening Test. But they have always won the series.

Graeme Hick b Ambrose 6
Allan Lamb c Hooper b Ambrose 0
Mark Ramprakash c Dujon b Ambrose 27
Robin Smith Ibw Ambrose 0
Jack Russell c Dujon b 27 Ambrose 27
Derek Pringle c Dujon b Marshall 27
Phillip Defreitas Ihw Walsh 3
Steve Watkin c Hooper b Marshall 0
D.Malcolm b Marshall 4
Extras (b-4; Ib-9; w-1; nb-7): 21 Total 252
Foil of wickets: 1/22; 2/38/3/38; 4/116; 5/116; 6/124, 7/222; 8/236; 9/238
Bowling:
Ambrose: 28-6-52-6

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#### WEST INDIES (Second Innings)

Phil Simmons b Defreitas 0
Desmond Haynes c Smith b Pringle 19
Richie Richardson c Lamb b Defreitas 68
Carl Hooper c Lamb b Watkin 5
Viv Richards c Gooch b Watkin 3
Jeff Dujon Ibw Defreitas 33
Malcolm Marshall Ibw Pringle 1
Curtley Ambrose c Pringle b Defreitas 14
Courtney Walsh c Atherton b Malcolm 9
Patrick Patterson not out 0
Extras: (Ib-1; nb-6) 7
Total 162
Foil of Wickets:
1/0; 2/61; 3/77; 4/77; 4/85; 5/88; 6/136;

1/0; 2/61; 3/77; 4/77; 4/85; 5/88; 6/136 7/137; 8/138; 9/162

Bowling:

Defreitas 21-4-59-4 Malcolm 6.4-0-26-1 Pringle 22-6-38-2 Watkin 7-0--38-3

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# GRUNGH

he night after Gooch's England beat the West Indies at Leeds, I dreamt that Wes Hall was running in to bowl for Viv Richards at Lord's.

"My God," I exclaimed,
"It's the Senator and
he's come out of
retirement!"

Wesley Winfield Hall stood at the edge of the sight screen. Sleeves rolled up. The sweat shining off his arms. Then he charged in to bowl. I never saw the ball. After the West Indies had won, I took my sandals and ran onto the ground.

The vision couldn't have been more symbolic. For the last five years this West Indies team has offered us nothing original. They are a fair bunch of cricketers, skilful in scoring more runs and bowling faster than most Test sides. But nothing more.

The prime minister of Jamaica, Michael Manley called the unchallenged supremacy of the West Indies from 1976 onwards as the longest and most powerful effect any single side has had in a team sport. When this period is presumed to have ended with Clive Lloyd's retirement as captain in March 1985, let us not fool ourselves into believing that the West Indies went into a collective decline. It was something even more serious.

Let us go back to 1928. I am going to

For the last five years this **West Indies** team has offered us nothing original. They are a fair bunch of cricketers, skilful in scoring more runs and bowling faster than most sides. But nothing more...They are distant cousins in ability to the team that Clive Lloyd inherited in the mid-Seventies



quote Neville Cardus at length. He had just watched the first West Indian Test side in England and observed in the Manchester Guardian: "The West Indians mask the

endeavour of enthusiastic hearts. They play the game by constant effort: seldom are they free to let their technical command go its ways working according to habit acquired by long and successful practice."

Five years later.
Cardus was less
complicated in his
opinion. "When we see
Constantine bat or bowl,
we know he is not an

English player, not an Australian player, not a South African player. We know that his cuts and drives, his whirling fast balls, his leapings and clutchings and dartings—we know they



Gordon Greenidge... We associated him with power as raw as meat in a butcher's shop. I still recall our schoolboyed awe...Today's Greenidge is more restrained, bats like an accountant, wears a helmet. It's been much a disillusion ment

are the consequences of impulses born in the blood, a blood heated by the sun and influenced by an environment and way of life much more natural than ours; impulses not common to the psychology of the overcivilised places of the earth."

By 1939, Cardus' estimate of Caribbean ability was more focussed: "The West Indies cricketers have a contribution of their own to make to the game: they, and they alone, can make a Test match young again and perpetually engrossing."

The cricketers that emerged in the years

that followed fulfilled Cardus' prophecy. You had Ramadhin whose flicked spin from the right hand could either be leg break or turn off; you had Clyde Walcott who could hit; interrupt the seriousness of a Test match with a six over long off, off the back foot; you had Everton Weekes who, in the words of Fred Trueman, 'actually sent the ball for four to the third man boundary from one pliched outside his leg stump; there was Frank Worrell who claimed he knew exactly on which blade of grass the ball would pitch as soon as it left the bowler's hand: there was Collie Smith who in only his second first-class game hit 58 in 57 minutes with 9 fours and 3 sixes as Jamaica beat Trinidad; there was Wes Hall, crucifix dangling, charging in from the boundary; there was Lance Gibbs, flopping up and down with innocuous ease until you swung at him and missed; there was Rohan Kanhai who hooked you for six and fell on his back, so you never knew which spectacle was more attractive, there was Charlie Griffith who hooked you for six and fell on his back, there was Charlie Griffith who must rank as possibly the most intimidating fast bowler in the history of the game; there was Sir Garfield himself (what about him?); there was, in the later day, Kallicharran who repeatedly hooked Dennis Lillee out of Lord's in a limited-overs match; there was the volatile Roy Fredericks who hooked a six in a Prudential Cup final and

then fell right over his stumps; there was Clive Lloyd's 102 at Lord's later in the day which will never be forgotten for its savage brilliance as long as limited-overs cricket is played; there was Andy Roberts who, in lmran Khan's words, almost killed him with a bouncer that Khan never saw, only heard; there was Michael Holding of the carpet-slipper run; there was Collis King who played first fiddle in the second Prudential Cup final while the gum-chewing lya Richards watched from the other end.

Even ten years ago, you could look at the way a cricketer heaved and say: 'Ah, well that is a West Indiani' It's not happening any more. The Richards who once stepped outside the off stump, waited for Mike Hendrick to deliver and then casually pulled him over mid-wicket for six off the last ball of his innings, now scratches together 28 (or less?) runs for each walk to the wicket.

No cricketer within the recent West Indies side has typifled this transition more than Gordon Greenidge. When he embarked on his Test career we associated him with power as raw as meat in a butcher's shop. I still recall our schoolboyed awe for that one Patrick Eagar picture of Greenidge hooking a delivery for six on the tour of England, 1976 with the unhelmeted Brian Close at forward short leg. Today's Greenidge is more restrained, bats like an accountant, wears a helmet and occasionally

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uses glasses for better eyesight.

It's been such a disillusionment. Almost as if the Lion heart's son turned out to be a pansy. Worrell charmed; the current West Indian captain marched into a press box and threatened to pulp a journalist.

The last time that these once-upon-a-time merry men from the Caribbean warmed us was in 1984 when they were asked to score 344 on the last day of a Test-and won with nine wickets to spare. Our friend Greenidge-he wore a baggy West indian cap then-scored 214, batted 300 minutes and hit 138 runs in boundaries.

Oh, but that was an age ago. The stuff cricketing dreams are made of. A little like Wes Hall running in to bowl on the last afternoon at Lord's for Viv Richards, West Indies-and cricket





NGLAND may pust have loundats secret weapon they have God on then side this lest series. Did you spot are mineral doctoil in on the paylon baleony outside the Lingland dressing room during the recent game against the West Indies?

It was the Rev Andrew Wingheld Digby leading light in the Christians for Sport movement, which is a thermagnound in a number of British international teams notably, allictics

We are happy to have him aboard—says Micky Stewart the Lingland in ariger—lic doesn't Lini mything down invoires throat and is just a nice influence Nothing other illimind just the presence of a holy spurit

Cricket and the established Chineh have long gone li ind in hand When MCC & Bodyline temiweres alor Australia on the Orantes in 1932 the in mager Sir Pelli un Warier isked ifellow passenger the Bishapol London if it was permissible to pray for victory in the incoming series The Bishop said hed have to sleep on Lit in Labrenktastnest day was delighted to pronounce that Anything that conduces to the greater plory of England and English

THE FRANK KEATING COLUMN

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Surcenough six months later England returned as winners

The present good Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt Rev David Sheppard was the last cleric in the England diessing room Hrid i het on him being the new Archbishop of Canterbury last year on account of the lungago prophecy intoned when the young the ological student was playing for Sussex against Words down by the banks of the Severain the 1950s

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purveyor of leg spin
Roley Jenkius had the
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hit survived somehow to



## England's Secret

such exasperation from Roley in the end that the old boy followed through in that famous, crablike chasse of his, down to the batsman's crease—"They say you're a religious, son? Well, with your ruddy luck let me tell you that you should end up as Archbishop of Canterbury".

This series, England, at least, have a captain in Graham Gooch who is as stalwart and honest-to-goodness as the day is long—and if Graham was religious, there is no doubt he would be "good ol" traditional C of E, just straight up and down and no nonsense".

On a cricket field, mind you, the Rev. Wingfield Digby has been known to be most craftily clerical. Three Blues for Oxford 20 years ago with his military-medium floaters, he was latterly

captain of Dorset in the Minor Counties' league. Two or three years ago, in a crucial championship clincher against Cheshire. Dorset were forcing a win when Cheshire, chasing 201, at 92 for 6 shut up shop with 11 overs left.

"Wiggers Diggers", as he is known in the game, told his bowler to fling down a succession of wides, the one single over of 14 balls resulted

in 56 extras. Which gave Cheshire a smell of victory again—so had a go, and were dismissed for 182 in the penultimate over. Lord's popped a few apoplectic collar-studs, but "Wingers" smiled, unrepentant: the Lord was on his side: to hell with Lord's.

Just as, this series, don't panic: for the good Lord is on England's side, for sure



## Weapon...God

## ECKHIM SURYASEKHAR GANGULY

Next month this eight year old will become India's youngest Next month this eight year old will become india's youngest Chemional when he takes part in the World Age Group Chess Chemional When he takes part in the world have to be compared to the com Thernational when he takes part in the world age Group Championships. Pundits feel that at his age he is India's greatest chess talent ever, and that includes V. Anand.

When the next edition of the Sportsworld annual quiz comes nound some team of the other is probably going to field the following two p ut question Who is India's voinigest international sportsman Where and m what discipline did he represent the nation in? Answer Survasekhu Ganguly (b March 53) At Wars in Poland (July 91) where he played m the World Age Group Chess Championships

Lyou are passing by the Calcutta's Scottish Chuich -School during lunchbreak you re unlikely to notice Survasckh u Hedoes not look a whizkid he is one of those little kids kicking a football around But at the chess board big brilly men are disposed off with the same abandon is the football is done on the field

Already the National under 10 and 12 champion (the youngest ever) he has been tipped by several discerning observers as Anand's natural successor Cir andmaster Eddic

challenger in 2005 Guield happens to be the former transcr of Gary Kaspaios and permanent coach of Maya Chibuid midze and is a man not known to go into eulgoics



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Israch International Master Nigel Davies opined that Surva should be India's first world champion (if Anand does not beat him to it) Ladies champion Maya when asked smiled impishly and said that he was the only seven-year-old who had ever refused a draw ofter from a World ch impion in all exhibition match (Jan

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Just how did it happen? Did Siirya wake up one fine morning and start playing monster chess?

Well not really Coming from Hatibagan one of the last bastions of Bonedi Bengalidom where everyone pursues chess at one level or the other it was not surprising His parents Pankaj and Arati are

also chess aficionados and his uncle Sudhir is a well known bridge player and a multiple international at that

When he was three or four years old Surya picked up both the games by watching his elders play. He made his debut when he was five years old at a small chess tournament in the YMCA. This whetted his appetite and the next stop was the Telegraph Schools Lournament an annual event at the Alekhine Chess Club, at Calcutta's Gorky Sadan.

Digressing for a moment this event has no equivalent anywhere in the country and the amount of talent it has thrown up is just astonishing Saheli Dhar (Under 20 National Champion) Shanker Roy (U 16 Nation al Champ) and Dipanjan Das (former U 10 chainp and U 12 runners up) are just three of the others who first played serious chess here

Surya attracted immediate attention and his parents asked Alekhine Chess club to lind him a good coach it is here that Abhijit Majumder, a FIDE master and former Delhi and Bengal champion comes into the picture Majumder dumping several other assignments took Surya on full time

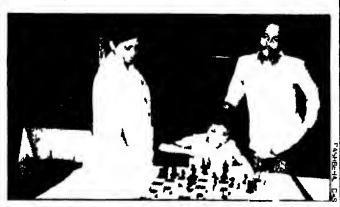
in a sense he is Surya s Nambiar I or the last three years he has strained to teach the tiny master the basics of the game in a scientific way He strove to teach Surya the opening middle game and endgame-the three



difficult aspects and the grammer of the game

This is where Surya differs from the earlier prodigies Barua and Anar I. Anarid was lucky to find himself in the Phillipines where he

learnt from force Barua was born ten years too early and had to teach himself the essentials with much pain and clioit at an advanced age. Surva was born after the infrastructure



Children supposedly have greater learning powers and better memories than adults but even so Surya's talents are amazing. Even by chess playing standards where good memories are the norm, he's surprising. Show him a position once and ask him to analyse it blindfolded (without the board), several days later and he will do so, flawlessly;

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theoretical continuation.

Surya has also those other essentials, an ability to calculate fast, and the creative touch that makes him search for new ideas. He also has several faults, namely, little notion of endgame play and a tendency to get bored occasionally in dull setups.

Still for an eight-year old, these faults are very minor and the strengths are almost unbelievable. Even the endgame weaknesses are perceptively less now, than they were a year ago and he also has developed a great deal of patience in a very short while.

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Surya is also lucky in that he can cash in on the chess boom in India and Calcutta in recent years. The age group championships, The Telegraph, and various Open tournaments: none of them existed a decade ago.

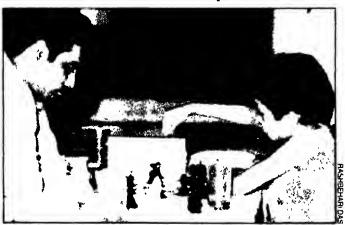
In the last couple of years Surya has played all of 36 tournaments, according to his coach's meticulously compiled dossier. Each of his game has been mercilessly dissected in an effort to eliminate error.

Obviously family



support has a great deal to do with this. Apart from finding the wherewithal for their son to wander all over the country playing, his parents have somehow found the cash to employ a fulltime coach. His father, a man of limited means is an astrologer by profession. So OK he feels his son has a bright future—a feeling not necessarily

The ward and the tutor plan some strategies. Surya with his coach



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limited to astrologers. Like other fond fathers he is willing to scrimp and save, run from pillar to post to ensure that his son gets the best in life.

When asked what he had read in the stars for Surya, Mr Ganguly smiled and said he thought the omens were good for Warsaw at least. Chess players feel the same way because Surya will be playing in the Under-10 section where he is likely to be one of the strongest contenders and he should certainly give a good account of himself.

Comparisons are invidious but judging by Indian standards he is astounding. Indian standards are respectable (we rank 8th in the world) and previous Under-10 contenders have not done badly at world ehanipionships. Surva is several degrees stronger than any previous Under-10 champion because he has been thoroughly prepared and knows more.

Just in case Surya comes through as an egghead, that is totally wrong. He is a very normal youngster with an unusual talent. Ask him what he wants to do and he will say "I would like to play football like Pele"his hero since he saw "Giants of Brazil".

Offer him a Five Star chocolate bar and you've made a friend for life. But seat htm down in front of a chess board and he will commit psychic murder. I only hope he doesn't get hooked onto watching Wimbledon on Polish TV and tank the World Championship as a result.

## MARS

T can spit wherever I want.

GORAN IVANISEVIC found out he couldn't when he was fined \$ 1,000 for 'unsportsmanlike conduct', at the French Open.

T'd rather not say. Everybody's been' waiting for a couple of years. I don't thick waiting a few more weeks will make a difference.

ANDRE AGASSI reveals nothing about the outfit he's going to wear' at Wimbledon this month.

I am totally in tove with myself. And I believe that I am the best fighter out there. It is simply that I totally have no respect for Razor Ruddock as an individual. I just want to knock him out cold.

MIKE TYSON starts building up the hype for his fight against Buzor Buddock



THE only way 1 d have got past him on that day was on a Yamaha. For a guy who once ran 9.79, you have to think he II never get back to that again.

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## TIRE DRILL

miss a workout or two. Hell, we all do it. But if we're going to our! up on the couch and

## SKIPPING





bodies into superior physical specimens. Others prefer just light workputs that improve their muscle tone and cardiovascular capacity. Stefan Edberg, for example, is into distance runs and wind sprints

## **AGILITY DRILL**

aerobics, basketball, cycling, cross-country skiing, jogging, skipping, sprints, stretching, swiming and weight-training. You might not excel



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Agaesi, for one. hits the beaches at least thrice a week when he's not blasting the fluff off tennis balls with that avesome forehand. Agility drills, resistance sprints, jumps, skipping ... you name it, he's doing it. And not just for the fun of it. It gets him multi-faceted benefits by speeding up his movement on court, and strengthening his legs to go the distance.

So, if you're more concerned about getting fit for your aport—as opposed to others who are just into building their bodies and maintaining a high level of fitness—go for cross—training. If it works for agassi, it'll work for you too.

# BACK WITHA BANG

An inexplicable 14-month loss of form resulted in a confidence crisis and a slide in the world rankings.
But suddenly last month, he won his first tournament after a long time and was back where he belonged: at the top

AY 19, 1991.
The 7000
spectators
at the Club
De Campo
in Madrid

were in a tizzy. A tizzy of suspense and anticipation. These were the last moments of an epic battle between Argentina's Eduardo Romero and surprise of surprises, the out-of-form Severiano Ballesterns. At staks, the Spanish Open title.

It could be anyone's victory but in the tension at the 18th green—the 25th hole—Romero managed to squeak ahead. A nicely struck approach to the par four hole gave Romero just a half metre put the decisive moment. Ballesteros' and metre four metre decisive moment.

lipped out and thus, even as the fans heaved a sigh of relief at the tension being over, Romero raised his hands aloft; a fine winner at the end of it all.

But Ballesteros was not gloomy. On the contrary, a wide smile spread across his face as quickly he moved forward and shook Romero's hand. The reason: after 14 months of despair and mental block and puzzlement about what was happening, he was back to his winning ways. At least close to his winning ways. Coming second is better than coming nowhere.

And it has been a really puzzling 14' months for this champion who has ruled international golf for the past lifeon years.

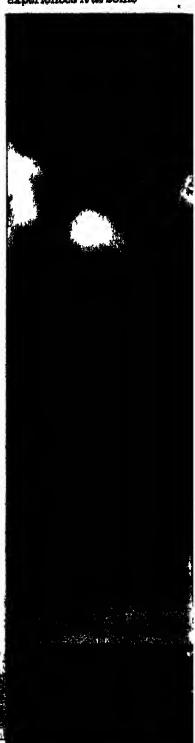
What really happened? Well, even he does not know. But sometimes such things happen to great athletes. Simple shots suddenly seem difficult. The mood and the motivation suddenly vanishes. There is doubt-doubt that becomes a virus and invades the arms and the legs, making natural movement and rhythm all but impossible.

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But he was sure about the cond thing. That what he

was going through was temporary. One day everything would be back to normal and the genius in him would reassert itself. As he explained: I said to myself why should I be the only player without a loss of form? Everyone experiences it at some



time or the other in their lives. Of course, the most difficult period is when the pressures are rising within you, there are incredible doubte and people all around you are writing you off.'

But Ballesteros'





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A week before the Spanish Open, at the Chunichi Crowns in Nagoya in Japan, he finally got his act together and won the title. That was a major breakthrough: After. that, he knew that he . would perform really well at the Spanish

And surprisingly, his fellow competitors and. rivals—people who should be the just case to

appreciate a returniof form of Ballesteres-were happy at what was happening. Said Mark McNuity, a golfer from Zimbabwe. T don't think there's a single golfer on the international circuit who's not happy at Seve's return to form. It has been an example for us, of what can be achieved if you have the grit. Most of the time people are not aware of . the incredible pressure that we are under and it's like boiling water in a kettle. When the water. runs out, the kettle runs dry. His kettle is now full again. None of us ever doubted that he would be back."

And so, at 84 years of age, this charismatic Spaniard has got back his magical touch: The future suddenly indicating a continuously glittering career. Perhaps the people who will fear this resurgence the most is the United States Ryder: Cup team, since the prestigique competition is just five months sway.



SAMPDORIA: ITALIAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?



T was a night to remember. The tumultuous roar of fans, the ear splitting toot of horns, the chanting of folk songs and popping of

sparkling wine. It was a carnival of gigantic proportions as the streets of Genoa came alive with the celebrations of the superlative league championship win of Sampdoria which made history on the night of May 26, 1991 by annexing the Italian league championship for the first time in 96 years by defeating Lazio in the last game of the season.

Sampdoria, perhaps the only real Italian club with home grown talent, has been lurking in the shadows for a very long time. But they made their intentions of Euro-glory clear last season by winning the Cup Winners Cup for the first time in 44 years. Till that moment many had discounted the outfit not giving them any real chance in the European club competition.

## EXCEPTION TO THE RULE!

To many it may come as a surprise but experts feel Sampdoria today is one of the most

democratic and best run clubs in Italy. With the sole exception of Gianluca Vialli, the outfit is thankfully

With no big names, no large transfer fees paid, the relatively low-profile team outshone the other star-studded outfits to win the most sought after league title in the world

devoid of any prima-donnas.

There are no earth movers but instead simple players who like their soccer and play to win. Because of this low profile many Italian journalists have expressed their frustration when it comes to Sampdoria as unlike Milan, Napoli and Inter, the club does not have any big names. There are no scandals or juicy gossip no backroom fights. Says star player Italy's Roberto Mancini, "Our results speak for us and we do not need any useless publicity."

Over the years, while players transfers in, Italy have attained the status of horse trading, the club has remained immune to this money madness. In the last five years or so, the defection rate at Genoa has been the least, where only nine players have come in and an equal number exited. Compare this with Juventus who bought eight new players this season alone. Coach Vujadin Boskov has been with the team for eight years. And so have many of its players. In fact, the club has resisted transfer offers to the tune of \$25 million for Gianluca Vialli. Sampdoria has risen in the ranks of grooming young talent.

## PRIDE, NOT MONEY

And all this because of Paulo Mantovini, President and owner of Sampdoria. He made his investment when it was an absolutely

no-hope debt-ridden club. Twelve years have passed since and Mantovini's shipping and oil fortune have taken the club to the very top of the pole. Says the tycoon, "It was the only dream I had. I had to make it come true. For me Sampdoria is like a child whom I have seen

grow and grow."

But for him it has not been an easy or a straight ride. This self made Italian billionaire who started out in World War II renting his bicycles to American Gls in exchange of cigarettes which brought in big money on the black market, recently suffered a heart attack. A triple bypass later, he was back and patiently guided his boys on the road to the top. Players like Gianluca Vialli, Roberto Mancini and Pietro Vierchowod are products of Mantovini's grooming who despite his fortune takes personal interest in the daily affairs of the club.

Mantovini has introduced lucrative reward schemes. Last season when Sampdoria won the Cup Winners Cup, he rewarded each of his players with a \$ 75,000 bonus. And this time around, each member of the squad gets \$ 100,000 plus a Mercedes Benz. And Vialli nets \$ 10,000 for each one of his 19 goals. That's straight \$ 190,000 for the enigmatic striker who takes home a pay cheque of a cool half-a-million dollars. Says Mantovini, "For me its not money but the pride which matters the most. My boys understand that and are happy obliging this old man." And all the winnings are equally distributed amongst the squad. Thats democracy, Sampdoria style.

## BORING BUT WINNING I

Under these friendly playing condition, Sampdoria has gone from strength to strength ever since they reached the finals of Cup Winners Cup in 1989. Labelled as a team which made boring soccer, Sampdoria lost to Barcelona in the closely fought 1989 final. In 1990 they set the score right when they trounced Anderlecht 2-0 and started their conquering march.

However, this season they have had mixed fortunes. Though they became the league champions, the Cup Winners Cup slipped out of their hands. Sampdoria's 3-2 loss on aggr accounted for it . With this kind of goal average, no one, not even Inter could come in the way.

Says Vialli: "I have built my body up physically as well as



Gianluca Vialti: Coming out of a disappointing World Cup he is today the hottest property in italian football

mentally. My stress on total fitness has helped us quite a bit this season. My heart goes out to our players who have been on the soccer fields

almost for ten months now."

By the time Sampdoria had played 10 matches in the Italian league, they were dancing to the winning beat. Initially it was a race between Sampdoria and Inter Milan for the title. But halfway through the season, it was a foregone conclusion that championship was going the Sampdoria way. And the manner in which they decimated the opposition is incredible. Out of their 34 league matches, the club won 21, drew 10 and lost only three. Thanks to the devastating form of



The Azzuri;
Sampdoria's
only
representation
is Vialli,
(kneeling beside
Baggio in the
middle)

## ITALY

F	INA	LTA	BLI				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SAMPDORIA	34	20	11	3	57	24	51
AC Milan		18	10	6	46	19	46
Inter Milan	34	18	10	6	56	31	46
Genos	-34	14	12	8	51	36	40
Torino	34	12	14	8	40	29	38
Parma	34	13	12	9	35	31	38
Juventus		13	11	10	45	32	37
Napoli	34		15	8	37	37	37
Roma	-	11	14	9	43	37	36
Atalanta Bergamo	34	11	13	10	38	37	35
Lazio	34	8	19	.7	33	36	35
Fiorentina	34	8	15	11	40	34	31
Bari	34	9	11	14	41	47	29
Cagliari	34		17	11	29	44	29
Lecce	34		13	15	20	47	25
Pisa	34		6	20	34	60	22
Cesena	34		-	20	28	58	19
Bologna	34	4		20		63	18
Bottom four relegate others promoted.							

Top scorers: 19, Vialli (Sampdoria); 16, Matthaus (Inter); 15, Aguilera (Genoa), Skuhravy (Genoa); 14, Ciocci (Cesega), Baggio (Juventus), Klinsmann (Inter).

Gianluca Vialli and Roberto Mancini, the Genoese outfit scored a hooping 57 goals while their opposition could only muster up 21. Vialli, as mentioned earlier, stuck 21 times while Mancini accounted for 10. With this kind of goal average, no one, not even Inter could come in the way.

Says Vialli, "Agreed that I have scored many goals this season but the credit goes to the whole squad. My teammates were magnificent." To this A.C. Milan's Ruud Gullit adds, "At Sampdoria they play utilitarian soccer which translates into scoring goals. They had us outclassed totally." Sampdoria was the only team to have won both its matches against A.C. Milan. Add to this a win and a draw each against Inter Milan and Juventus and many Italian newspapers are calling Sampdoria's achievements as ground-breaking. An editorial in the influential Gazette Delo Sport said, "There has never been such a well oiled soccer machinery in the history of Italian soccer. As individuals, they are work horses. And as a team they are like a Ferrari Testarossa in top gear."

Adds Lothar Matthaeus, "I hate to admit it, but at times they were running circles around us." That's high praise indeed for a club whose members are the least known players in whole of Italy. Says Mantovini, "My trust in my players and God's good graces have helped me achieve the only dream I ever had in life. It is the greatest achievement of my life."

Edwin Burgoes

## READERS' QUIZ

## **QUESTIONS**

- Which great allrounder blew his brains out leaving a suicide note that said. "I hope to have a better knock in the next innings."
- 2. Who is the only Test cricketer to be executed for murder?
- An Olympic boxing champ and Test cricket captain, he was drowned at sea. Name him.
- He is now a best selling writer of racing thrillers. Previously he was a champion jockey. Who is he?
- 5. Who was the only world chess champion to die in possession of the title?
- Which sport had its technical terms deliberately chosen to have sexual connotations in an attempt

to popularise it?

7. This World
Cup goalkeeper stated that he
accepted the Nobel
prize because the
money would help

set him up as a stock car racer. He died in a car crash. Who was he?

8. Which English cricket captain sur-

vived an assassination attempt in Calcutta?

- 9 Which boxing personality has been twice convicted for homicide?
- 10. What is 'Ringolevio'?
- 11. In which sport are the participants trained to withdraw their scrotal sas to avoid injury?
- 12. When Timur Lane played polo, what did he use as balls?
- 13. Apart from a professional who will assume any position in the world's favourite sport, a 'hooker' is also a position in which outdoor game?
- 14. Which Czar played living chess with condemned criminals as the pieces?
- 15. What is Buskhazi'?

## <u>ANSWERS</u>

- 1. G. Aubrey Faulkner (South Africa)
- 2. L. Hylton (West Indies) for killing his wife
- 3. J.W.H.T. Douglas
- 4. Dick Francis
- 5. Alexander Alekhine, who suffered a heart attack while playing chess
- 6. Bridge: Approach forcing, one over one, squeeze, strip, going to bed, peter etc.
- 7. Albert Camus
- 8. Sir Stanley Juckson
- 9. Don King
- 10. A violent New York street gang version of 'chor police'
- 11. Sumo Wrestling
- 12. Severed human heads
- 13. Rughy
- 14. Ivan the Terrible and naturally he had them executed if they were captured
- 15. A Pathan game where two villages fight for possestion of a goat

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## NO BONGER A DABEY

Time was when a decathlon didn't happen without Daley Thompson winning it. Now, older and fighting injury, he's struggling to go the distance. Is this the beginning of the end?

HERE
are those who feel
that a winning
decathlete deserves
more than one gold
medal. And why not?
Hell, these guys take part
in ten gruelling events,
and the best man over
the two-day competition
is the winner. Seems a
little unfair, right?

Well, Daley Thompson's got no complaints. But that could just be because he's got more gold medals than he knows what to do with. Olympic, world, Commonwealth and European decathlon champ at one time, this is one guy who didn't mind the singularity of the medal placed on his chest. As long as it gleamed golden.

But that was all some years back. Now the man would be happy to simply last the distance. To compete in-and complete-all ten events. That's how much the scenario has changed for the great decathlete. Having completed none of the three decathlons



he has taken part in since he finished a surprise fourth at the Seoul Olympics in 1988, Thompson faces the Speed has always been the essence of Thompson's decathlon

stark reality of fading away from the sport as a

man who couldn't last the distance.

At a recent international decathlon match between Britain

## BOURING

and Spain at Alhama the 32 year old Thompson started off in fine style But Just couldn't sustain the monientum An 11 second 100m sprint into a headwind and a



46 54m discus promtsed much Then came a poor 1 83m htgh jump an equally dismal 14 84m put of the shot and a

scratch from the 400m Even the following day-the 110m hurdles-saw him stop the clock at 1568 seconds well below his normal But the real truth of Thompson's plight had come through loud and clear much carlier at the long jump pit Normally an easy 7 5 metre jumper he barely managed 6 86m His teammate Mark Bishop was so disgusted that he remarked he jumped like a sack of potatoes

If Thompson was disappointed and he must have been. considering the fierce competitor he has been all along he didn't show it It's been harder than I imagined he said of his comback attempt after the knee injury that kept him out of the Commonwealth Games and Luropean Championships last year And then immediately bounced back to his cherubic self quipping that the decathlon has not progressed from the time when he ruled the TO09

But the rest of the British team apparently didn't share his lightheartedness. While most of the other decathletes cast accusing glances at Thompson's coaching adviser Frank Dick the man who is rumored to have edged the out of-form Thompson that the team squad manager Alan Lindrop

maintained a typically British storersm It is disappointing He intended to finish he said of Thompson s attempt

Even Frank Dick blatantly hawking his client in the hope he would recapture some of his former glory was disappointed Having said before the event that Thompson's only problem might be the

1 500m he certainly didn t have an answer when his man failed to answer the starter 5 gun for the 400m on the evening of the first day itself Thompson at 3 075 points after the flist four events and well behind schedule for the British qualifying mark of 7 850 points didn t think tt worth his while to carry on and itsk injury if the ticket to the World Championships in Tokyo wasn thappening

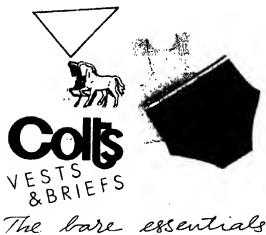
I would not want to go to Lokyo for the sake of it he said when asked if he was aining for a come back at the World Track and Field Championships at the Japanese capital this August Ascore of 8 200 or 8 300 is not what I m



is Thompson pushing juck a little too far the time?



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looking for he continued adding I v ant to be the best decathlete in the world again and all my efforts are channelled towards that I would go if I started going great but it is not in the foreiront of my mind now

And then just to remind everyone that this was the Daley Thompson they were quizzing he reverted back to his cocky ways by flaunting his seven year old world record (set at the 1984 LA Games) of 8 847 points I must have a wieked chance in Tokyo because I do not have to be as good as lused to be he said while hinting none too subtly that the competition today isn t all that tough

Saying that his
11 second sprint into 1
strong headwind and
light rain was worth 10 7
or so in perfect
conditions. Thompson
also stressed that he has
to work on his speed.
Once his strongest.

ally-his sprinting prowess-he now accepts that he needs to work on it. My whole decathlon has always been based on my speed and once liget to 10 5 everything will start cheking into place he said.

This optimism is shared by Spain s 22 year old champion decathlete Antonio Penalva too Having notched up the year's best performance in the decathlon-8 306 points he opined that Daley Thompson 15 capable of 8 400 or 8 500 at the Barcelona Olympics In other words letting Thompson know subtly that he is capable of making a comeback but it will take tune

And as for the rumour that family life might have taken the spark out of Thomp or straining progamme the man is quick to shoot it down Admitting that he is very attached to his wife and two children. Thompson however doesn't agree

## DALEY THOMPSON'S WORLD RECORD: 8,847!!

Set at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games

EVENT	PERFORMANCE	POINTS
100	10 44 secs	989
Long jump	8 01m	1063
Shot put	15 72m	834
High jump	2 03m	831
400m	46 97 secs	960
110m hurdles	14 33 secs	932
Discus	48 \$6m	799
Pole vault	5 00m	910
Javelin	65 24m	817
1,500m	4 min 35 sec	712

that it interferes with his career I go to the track and instead of spending eight hours a day there I spend five hours a day I still get so much in I just talk less the said Going by the lighthearted banter he used to carry on with his fellow athletes in earlier days that significant in the instance he is saving

But it was when asked

The point where it all started going wrong for Thompson pole vault, Seoul '88 The pole snaps and Daley is left stranded

what he was hoping for in the summer of his come back that the real Thompson of old surfaced. I hope the sun shines he quipped. On what Mr Thompson?

William Rhodes

## ESPERATELY MARY

ud's Esmon Ulau aud Wais phies after they prives after they are named Athletes of the Decade



## **FAST FACTS**

1969: Ran her first race as a 11 year old and won it 1972: Missed the Munich Olympics because she was under age

1973: Became America's premier middle distance runner when she set world records in the 800m as well as indoor records in the 880 yard and 1000 yard races. She was just sixteen years old

1974: Stress fractures prevented her running this year 1976: The Montreal Olympics was missed because she was a virtual copple unable to walk properly because of shin splits and various lower leg ailments

1980: Missed the Moscow Olympics because the United States boycotted the Games in protest against Russia's invasion of Afghanistan

1981: Again developed achilles tendonitis in her left foot prompting further surgery Lost the year through injury 1982: Set seven world and American records on three continents at distances ranging from 800m to 10 000m 1983: August Became world champion in the 1500m and 3000m in the World Athletics championships in Helsinki in Finland

America goes overboard. She is awarded the Jesse Owens Award for the most outstanding track competitor in the United States This is followed immediately by the Sullivan Award America's premier award for the nation's most outstanding athlete

1994: The famous tumble with Zola Budd in the LA Olympics resulted in her being eliminated from the 3000m

1985: Set the world mile record this year

1996: Took time off to give berth to Ashley Lynn she was divorced from Ron Tabb a marathoner and was now married to Richard Slaney a British discus thrower

1987: Injured again and missed the World Athletics championships in Rome

1988: Training again and took part in the Seoul Olympics Eighth in the 1500m and 10th in the 3000m

1990: Achilles Tendon problems and she had to stop running

Another operation to remove scar tissue
1991: Has a statement second in a 1500m race in Eugene
Oregon Shahad off Pattisue Plumer the world's top ranked woman runner in the 3000m and 5000m. Her time 4.08 5

She has had a 20-year international career. A career studded with world records and leg injuries. At the end of it, people thought that she would retire. But no, she is in peak form again this season.

single glance at her career record shows one thing a woman of extraordinary character and resilience A world champion in one year and then BHAM! laid low by injury the next year But nothing fazed this woman Despite missing so many seasons she would always pick herself up from the floor and start practising

Just for resilience, one has to admire Mary Slaney Any other athlete in her situation would have given up athletics a long time ago But there is a certain dogged determination in her A certain tenacity A certain courage She has pursued running with a single minded dedication that makes her achievement all the more glorious

Mary Slaney took to running by accident

When she was eleven vears old she came across a notice on her school board that invited entries for a race in the school She put her name in as a lark and surprised herself when she won the race She caught the eye of the school coach who saw that she had a natural running style Immediately he took her under his wing and that was the start of a career that has lasted close to 20 years

But right from the beginning she pushed herself

'I had a tendency to overtrain from the beginning of my athletic career' she said, 'I used to go at it and go at it, till my legs crumbled And today, her legs are covered with scars All over the knees and around the ankles and the legs, there are scars of several operations by surgeons that has made

## COURAGEOUS



a wreck of her athletics career

This obsession with running has had its side effects Her first marriage to marathoner Ron Tabb ended in divorce She went through a period of agonised loneliness before she met Richard Slaney, a British discus thrower And it was then that she finally obtained a modicum of happiness Where Mary was high strung and nervous Richard was calm and relaxed

But Slaney s calmness could not prevent Mary s recurrent physical breakdown Year after year she would end up periodically in the hospital for surgery to be done on her legs But when things went fine when there was no injury and when she had a steady amount of training immediately she won gold medals or set world records One wonders what would have been the track record of this woman if she was injury free

And now, motherhood has also helped to calm her in a way that she did not deem possible. As she says, It's hard to ignore a four-year-old. I organise my training around Ashley Lynn's schedule. Having the baby has helped take the pressure off me. It has helped me not to get to the edge quickly. I've calmed down quite a bit.'

But in the athletics circle she was all but forgotten When she came last in the 3000m in the Seoul Olympics, sports writers had mentioned that Slaney had come to the end of her career Everyone had written her off except she herself She refused to give up There was still one dream to achieve an Olympic gold medal that was cruelly deprived from her after that fatal accident with Zola Budd in the 84 Los Angeles Olympics

She suffered injury problems in 89 but slowly and steadily she begun to run again till this year she has reached a high class form once again

In May in Eugene
Oregon she came
second in a 1500m race
Her time 4 08 5 And in
the process she pushed
back Pattisue Plumer
who is the world s top
ranked woman runner
in the 3000m and
5000m to third place

The media is now turning their attention once again to this all but forgotten runner Things seem to be looking up for her now And if she can keep herself off the injured hst and train regularly and take part in the outdoor season this year, then there is every chance that she might be able to end her illustrious athletic career on the one glorious note that she is looking for an Olympic gold medal

Come Barcelona and if the Gods are on her side, Mary Slaney will have a tryst with destiny Till then, mum's the word Ashwin Thomas



## **RUNNING INTO TROUBLE**

All for a measly \$100

anks, hustlers? Tell us something new. They're hustlers par excellence. And this anecdote certainly kept the flag flying. Sixty-two year old Harvey Sanders was jailed for 90 days for cheating in a local road race. Taking part in the Century City 10 km race, Sanders claimed the \$100 prize for being the fastest man over 60. But his only problem was that no one had seen him passing any of the intermediate check points. The irritated organisers asked Sanders to return the prize but the old gent stuck to his guns insisting that he had run the 10 km. and that nobody had noticed.

Thus, he was tried, tested and found guilty. His wife was neither surprised nor sympathetic on hearing the sentence: "If he cheated in the race, I'll bet he's been cheating on me for years," she said. "Maybe some time in the slammer will do him good "

## **ANYONE FOR CRICKET?**

Here comes Malaga

world. Cricket's conquest has been subsequently slower in comparison. but it marches on regardless. A new cricket ground is being developed in Malaga and it is to be called the Cartoma Oval. The site is a massive project containing over 10,000 cubic metres of soil, which has been moved to level an area which will house three nets and a pavilion. This is the fourth cricket ground in Malaga. Test match status and the usual perks of deleating England cannot be far away, we believe.

## ROCKET MAN!

Ismail's outtasight

THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE-or NFL as we know it-is a monstrous body that runs the monstrous sport of American football. It is also the biggest, smartest, most marketing wise and richest organisation in sport. It was wonderful then to learn that even they could not afford the talents of sensational young college player Raghib 'Rocket' Ismail.

"There's nobody like him in football today," they say of Raghib. The kid is hot; and he's costly. Represented by Team Rocket-a collection of hot-hot agents, lawyers and advisors- the New England Patriots, who had first pick in the college draft, were asked for \$14.5 million over five years. That was cheap



compared to the offer made to the Dallas Cowboys: \$16.8 million over five years. Ismail thus priced himself out of the NFL.

However, what the NFL can't afford, the CFL can. And Ismail has just signed the richest contract in tootball history. He's joined the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League. His salary is now \$14 million over four years, 4.2 million in a guaranteed marketing package, upto 4 million in attendance incentives, 4 million in other business ventures and a share in the 'potential appreciation' of the Argonauts. Team owner Bruce McNall said, "We feel he is a sound investment (gulp)."

Oh, by the way, when the contract expires, Rocket will be 25.

## MATURAS MUSINGS

Partab Ramchand

## **CHILDREN OF A DIFFERENT GAME**

HREE children of two former Test cricketers are making waves but not in the sport their tathers excelled in The youngsters in question are Vikram and Vinay sons of former Indian eaptain 5

Venkataraghavan and Shubha danghter of TE Srinivasan who played in one Fest in New Zealand ten years ago

Not surpristingly the first love of both Viki ani now almost t6 and Vinay 14 was cricket Vikram trifact was good enough to represent Tamil Nadu in the Nutrine Superstar Inter state Under 13 Cricket Tomnament And Ranjini Venkataraghavan then mother told Sportsworld that there are photographs of Rohan Gavaskar bowling to Vikram when they were kids way back In the late '70s

Actually it was Vinay who showed an interest In tennis first and on seeing this his younger brother Vikram too decided to give tennis a try

But Vikram showed a natural aptitude for tennts and soon was winning tournaments. It was obvious that he had a better chance to shine in tennis rather than cricket, and so that's where Vikram stayed

Very soon Vikram was ranked No. 2 nationally in the Under=14 category and quickly chinbed to the top of the ladder. And as he grew up his game improved. Foday, Vikram is a tall well-built lad currently tanked No. 3 in the Under 16 category.

But now Viki am and his parents are in a quandary. Does he concentrate on tennis at the expense of his studies? Or does he concentrate on studies and give up tennis?

So where does he go from here? Ranjim and Venkataraghavan have just taken a big gamble by sending Vikram on a three month tour of Lurope. UK and the USA He will play in a number of tournaments.

including some ITF junior tournments

There are no such problems facing Ranjin and Venkat as regards Vinay a minth standard student at Sishya. He of course has been concentrating fully on tennis and his parents have assured him total support if he shows

Shubha Srinivasan





Vikram and Vinay pose with Mrs Ranjin: Venkataraghavan, the wife of Test cricketer S. Venkataraghavan

results He also plays fairly regularly on the national circuit and has fared well in the Under 12 and Under 14 categories

Shubha Srinivasan, a sprightly girl of eleven is a seventh standard student of Padma Seshadri school. She took to the game at the age of six and learnt the rudiments of tennis from various coaches. Showing good progress particularly over the past year. Shubha has worked her up to No 2 to the Under 12 category in the state.

What about the role of her parents?

Well we motivate and encourage her says 1 E Srimvasan

When
Sportsworld asked the
parents what they do to
push her, the chirpy little
lass builed in
confidently They don t
push me I push myself

In Shubha 5 case the problem seems to be financial. To is a well placed executive in a city firm, but then tennis is an expensive game.

Look at her racket says Te. It costs Rs 4000 That's almost my month's salary Fortunately this racket was presented to her by Vinoo Mammen, Director MRF who was impressed by her talent **UB Export Bangalore Fillies Trial** 

# PLAY MISTY FORME

Bombay-based filly Misty Heights lived up to expectations by winning the Bangalore Fillies Trial in fine style

BOMBAY-based filly Misty Heights, trained by Imtiaz Sait and ridden by Pesi Shroff, lived up to her reputation when she won the UB Export Bangalore Fillies Trial. The dark bay, daughter of Riyahi out of Scintillating, has thus set a course that appears to be following the footsteps of her illustrious brother before her, namely Star Contender who had won the Colts Trial in Bangalore a year ago.

Owned by the United Racing and Bloodstock Breeder Pvt. Ltd., represented by Vijay Mallya, Z.S. Poonawalla and Mrs. Behroze S. Poonawalla, Misty Heights became only the second Bombay-based filly to have won this Grade-1 classic in the last ten years.

Bred at the Poonawalla Estates Stud and Agricultural Faram, Misty Heights came into the trial without the benefit of a run, and a host of people felt that this was something that would go against her. But they had not taken

FROM THE betting, Misty
Heights was the clear
favourite...It was only her lack
of experience that prevented
her from closing the odds-on
choice





into account the filly's class and ability. Despite the fact that she was racing for only the second time in her life. that too on a track that was drenched with heavy overnight rain. Misty Heights turned in one of the most mature performances that I have seen. She handled the soft underfoot conditions with remarkable alacrity and proved without a doubt that she was definitely

India. From Bombay came the favourite. Misty Heights and the grey, Dangerous Liason. From Calcutta came Romantic Memories, the full sister to last year's Bangalore Derby winner, Romantic Dancer. From Madras came Ace of Diamonds, already a winner of the Nilgiris Fillies Trial. Hyderabad was represented by Cannon Wish while the local centre of Bangalore was spearheaded by

ON A track that was drenched with heavy overnight rain, Misty Heights turned in one of the most mature performances...and proved without a doubt that she was definitely the best

the best of the fairer sex on Sunday June 9.

Sponsored by United Breweries, the UB Export Fillies Trial was worth Rs 1,59,600 to the winner. But unfortunately, inclement weather in Bombay kept her owners away from receiving the trophy. In fact, with all flights from Bombay being cancelled it was a beaming Imtiaz Sait who filled in and collected the trophy on behalf of the marooned owners, all of whom were stuck in water-logged Bombay.

Bangalore too, had had its fair share of rain as well and Sunday dawned grey and dreary with heavy intermittent showers, not making matters any better. A compact field of eight fillies lined up to face the starter at the 1,600 metre marker, between them representing all the five racing centres in Golden Fantasy, Eagle Wind and Great Heights. A more cosmopolitan lineup you could not have asked for.

From the betting. Misty Heights was the clear favourite while Golden Fantasy was next in demand. The rest of the runners were at sevens and over. It was only Misty Heights' lack of experience that prevented her from closing the odds-on choice. In fact, the filly who came in for a great deal of support was Golden Fantasy, the heavily backed second favourite. The rest, as far as the pundits were concerned, were running for third and fourth place.

Breaking evenly from the gates, Eagle Wind-the stablemate of Golden Fantasy-was the first to show out, closely followed by Romantic Memories, Shroff settled

the favourite, Misty Heights beautifully into third spot and she was followed in close attendance by Ace Of Diamonds, Dangerous Liason, Great Heights and Golden Fantasy. The last named was badly placed all the way with jockey Vasant Shinde never really giving her a chance to settle at any stage of the race, but frankly speaking as it turned out, it made little to no difference at all to the outcome of the race.

The order remained somewhat unchanged until about the 600-metre marker.

As they straightened up, Misty Heights did not have an opening as she was behind Eagle Wind while Romantic Memories was up on her outside. Had Gowli. astride Memories, sat a little longer Shroff could have found himself in trouble, but instead he went for his gun immediately in order to get first run on the field. As she shot into the lead. Shroff eased Misty Heights onto the outside and the race was as good as over.

At the wire she was a good three lengths ahead of Romantic Memories who, in turn, was four lengths the good of Ace Of Diamonds while Golden Fantasy was a further seven lengths in arrears just about getting fourth place. The time for the race was 1 min, 40.2 scc which was a far cry from any record. but then taking into consideration the state of the track and the heavy underfoot conditions it was a time that was pretty good indeed.

## **BTC CLUB CUP SOCCER**

HAKA, 1989. Bangladesh national B team walloped India in the President's Cup. We sulked and had the temerity to say that it was a fluke victory. That was a matter of opinion. But to gauge the standard of the game in any country you have to look at the club level. In this sphere too the Dhaka teams are far superior to Calcutta's Big Three if the recent Bangladesh Tobacco Co. Club Cup tournament which was won by Abahanl Krirachakra, is anything to go by.

Held for the greater cause of charity-in aid of the victims of the recent cyclone disaster the Bangladesh Football Federation masterminded this tournament-it unfortunately exposed India's appalling football

standard.

Mohammedan Sport ing Calcutta lost both their group ties. The first drubbing was meted out by Mohun Bagan although Sliabbir Ali's boys did put up a good show. Then Abahani avenged their Calicut Nagiec defeat. But this was one match in which the refereeing was outrageously appalling, When Chibuzor collided with keeper Mohsin in front of the goalmouth, both fell but the agile Moshin got up and maliciously kicked the Nigerian who retaliated. The referce did nothing. He was thoroughly inept, a freefor-all followed and the game was held up for six minutes.

In this tense situation coach Shabbir ali entered the field and jostled a linesman. Later the coach instead of apologising complained that the particular linseman provoked the situation. An official complaint was made by club boss Mir Md. Omar and the linesman never got any further posting.

Mohammedan SC had gone to Dhaka with a lot of confidence (though without four talented Union to lead the attack after the interval but lack of practice and inexperience told the rest of the story.

Against Dhaka league champions Mohammedan Sporting, East Bengal's citadel collapsed. After Nakib did the damage, the Calcutta side, with dogged determination neutralised via

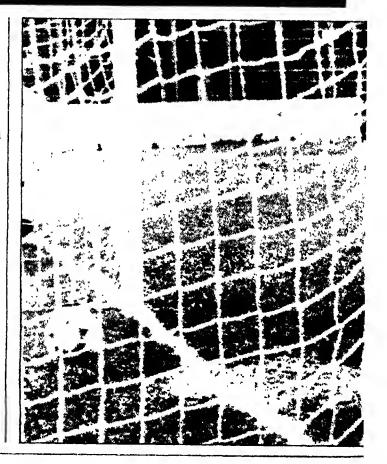
a Prasanta Banerjee attempt. It seemed the inter-club transfer had caused a tremendous setback to East Bengal. The defence needed Monoranjan Bhattacharjee; Sudip Chatterjee's absence was felt in the midfield and a Cheema Okerie was missing in the attack. This was clearly indicated in their



Calcutta's Big Three clubs were well and truly outplayed by the Bangladesh teams in a charity tournament held to aid cyclone victims

juniors who were preoccupied in Pre-Olympic training), having won the Nagice and Stafford Cup. In fact, MSC are strong contenders for representing India in the Asian Cup Winners' Cup as they have already earned eight points from the two triumphs. Triple crown winners East Bengal and last year's Calcutta Super league champions Mohun Bagan are yet to open their accounts. Yet it was East Bengal and Bagan who entered the semt-finals to meet the two Dhaka star teams.

Nown to be the "giant killers" in the Dhaka league, Brothers Union lost to East Bengal minutes after the start of the group match. Boredom set in after that early goal. One expected midfielder Manik of Brothers

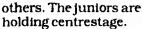


semis against Abahani whose dreaded strikers Rumi and Aslam, noted for their striking and scoring abilities, scored a goal each. Krishanu Dey managed to reduce the margin but ihat was not enough.

Subhas Bhowmick's Mohun Bagan performed well in the two group matches. But in the semis against Dhaka Mohd. SC they were thoroughly outplayed. This aweful display was due to the Bagan coach's tactical blunders.

Moreover. Bagan couldn't adjusi to the quagmire conditions. It was Nakib again who set the Calcuita team back. He is an awesome striker who scored a hat-trick in the Seoul Pre-Olympics against the Philippines and is in great demand these days.

How is it that
Bangladesh have such
talented juniors? Believe
it or not the top teams of
Dhaka have mostly
under-23s who are capable of matching our
megastars. Three years
ago the national federation made it compulsory
that each big team must
field two under-19
players in the league (an
experiment which we
have just started). This
has had tremendous
impact and most of the
top teams have more
juniors like Nakib, Shabir, Ghouse, Roxy, Alamgir, Barun and a host of

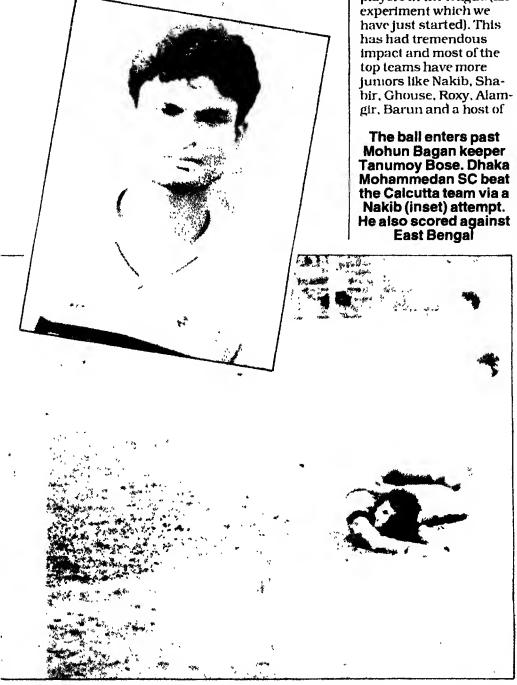


Their soccer is moving in the right direction. With the presence of the prodigies the game's speed has gone up and the Calcutta teams found it rather difficult to cope up with them. Physically, too, they are superior. the reason being that these players are mostly from the upper middle class families who can afford the nutritious diet from an early age, whereas our players (most of them) come from humble backgrounds. For our players it is mostly struggle all the way.

Although the Calcutta teams came back with shattered dreams there was one consolation: The Big Three are still superior where skill is concerned. But the Dhaka players are more professional in their attitude. This is primarily due to the training being imparted by foreign coaches at the club level. Their style of the game has undergone a sea change. They have adapted the the modern game well. The existing "old style" in Calcutta had stagnated the game.

The SAF Games at Colombo (Sri Lanka) are around the corner. We must remember that India's superiority took a big jolt when she won the bronze at Islamabad. Do we have to settle for the same at Colombo? Or can Josef Gelei see India through? The Bangla players have advanced and now a German coach is training them for Colombo. And who knows they could win their first SAF Games soccer gold, pushing India further behind.

Rupak Saha, Dhaka PICTURES BY SANTIMOY SANYAL



## **CRICKET FOR CHARITY**

CRICKET match will be held at the Wembley stadium for the first time in September this year. A team from Europe will take on the Rest of the World in a day/night game as part of a 10 million charity appeal spearheaded by former English Test captain. David Gower which will benefit the Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief and help the

Former English Test captain, David Gower is spearheading an appeal for disaster victims



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development of school cricket.

Organisers hope to reach their £10 million target within three years and have set the ball rolling with a commemorative cricket bat that will be autographed by heads of government and the Test team captains. The bat will be auctioned later this year.

## **NO HORSE SENSE?**

IS HIGHNESS the Aga Khan is not a man renowned for sentiments. When one of his horses was banned in England, he withdrew his full stable of 90 horses. Well, this time it seems he has made a wrong move.

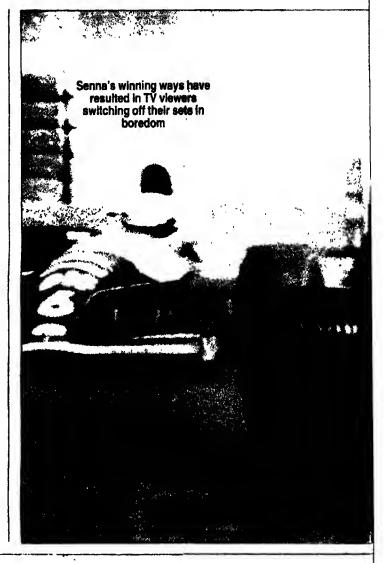
He is at present attending the Dublin High Court on a matter which seems to be associated with his sentiments. He has been dragged to court regarding Gilltown Stud Farm which once belonged to his playboy father, Prince Aly Khan. The man who has taken him to court is a relative, Karim, who inherited the

property, but had to relinquish it to pay some outstanding death duties.

Karim claims that he had an oral agreement to buy the 1,200 acres Gilltown property for the princely sum of \$14.2 million. Unfortunately for the Aga he doesn't have the claim in writing.

At the same time, a Japanese businessman claims that he too has an agreement to buy the same property-but with a signed option.

The Aga Khan is in a quandary as to who he should sell it to. For once his sharp business or rather horse sense has deserted him.



## SAVE THE RUNNERS

NOW THÁT we have a Wildlife Fund for the animals, one should be started for runners. The relatively harmless activity of running to keep fit has backfired on eight runners in Norway.

The runners were taking a harmless jog in the woods when an enraged mother elk attacked them. The reason for the sudden ambush was that they had strayed too close to her calves.

The furious mother elk broke one runner's collar bone, loosened another's teeth and trampled the remaining six.

"The elk caught me completely by surprise," said one runner. "It attacked me from the side and ran me down. I didn't have a chance."

How about passing the hat around for a Save the Runners fund.

## HABITS DIE HARD

THE ITALIANS seem to have a problem with the taxing authorities. Tax affairs have brought woe to the agents of many of Italy's top soccer stars.

Antonio Caliendo, 46, whose company

International Public Sport has World Cup heroes, Roberto Baggio and Salvatore Schillaci on its books, was arrested for trying to bribe an officer of the finance police.

He was given a 10-month suspended sentence. Before becoming a football agent, he was a docker

Salvatore Schillaci's agent, who was arrested recently, is allegedly involved with the Mafia



and anybody who knows a little about the Mafia would know the docks are run by them.

Therefore, it was obviously an old habit, bribing people, that got this respectable football agent into trouble!

## **SENNA BORING?**

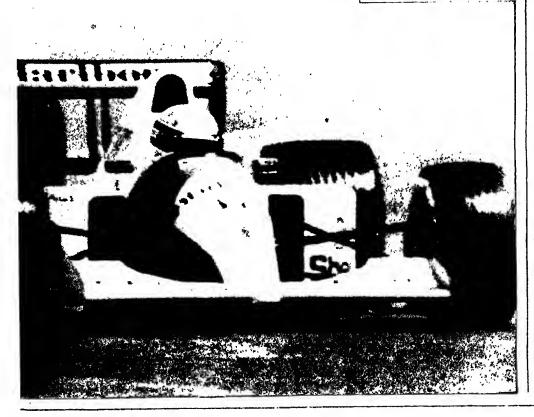
A ISCHIEF MAKER Ayrton Senna is once again creating problems for the multimillion dollar world of motor racing, but through no fault of his

Although the Brazilian is a superb ambassador for the sport, he is in danger of being labeled 'boring' for his outright brilliance on the race track. Having won all four Grand Prixs this season, he seems to be turning Formula One racing into a predictable procession at the wrong time.

The people in trouble, because of Senna's winning ways, are the TV moghuls who want good return for their money and also, as an after thought, want entertainment value for their viewers. They are disappointed that Formula One is not providing that at the moment with Senna leading the field.

Senna's last win in Monaco resulted in 600,000 viewers switching off their TV sets before the race was over-a big loss to British Broadcasting

Corporation.
While the fans want to see a man become a legend, they also want to see some other drivers take the chequered flag. The sponsors and the people who make it happen are keeping their fingers crossed, hoping that Senna would lose a few races to keep up the spectator interest as well as let the cash flow in.



## **Brilliant**

HE cover story on Dilip
Vengsarker, (Why is he so
unloved) by Robin
Chatterjee was brilliant. I
am sure that the 'Colonel' won't
remain unloved for long. After
reading the interview one cannot
hate the Indian batting maestro
any more.

The interview that Vengsarkar gave to Soumitra Bose was also of a very high quality. One wonders as to why the interview was torn up. It remains one of the most forthright interviews of his, where Vengsarkar speaks his mind. Colonel, we are with you all the way. ARTA MISHRA,

Cuttack.

THE cover on Sachin Tendulkar, (15-21 May, '91) by Robin Chatterjee was timely and well written. Here's wishing him all success in his endeavours. Hope that he will give us some superb batting performances in the coming World Cup.

DEBASIS MOHANTY, Balasore.

## It Took My Breath Away

THANK YOU very much for the excellent pictures of Sachin Tendulkar, (15-21 May, '91). He stands out as the best batsman in our country's cricket scene. Robin Chatterjee, did a good job with the writing, and believe me, the interview really took my breath away. I'm sure that all the ardent fans of Sachin really adored the interview.

Sportsworld, you have proved it again that you are the best sports magazine going. Keep up the good tob.

SANGITA 'JUKU' PATHAK, Guwahati.

## Back With A Bang

THE great lan Botham is back in the English side with a bang. And his four wicket haul in the first one-dayer has put to rest any doubts that people had about his



bowling prowess. Just goes on to confirm that he is still one of the best all rounders going.

Despite the injury that he sustained, one hopes that he will be back in the squad for the second Test and mesmerise his fans once again with his craft.

RAJEEV MOHAN.

Tinsukia.

Great

THE interview with Steffi Graf in the issue (22-28 May, '91), was great. The preview for the French Open also made good reading. Do give us the full details of the coming tennis tournaments.

Complimenting the good issue was the superb poster of Stefan Edberg.. Thanks a ton.

ARINDAM BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi,

## Variety Please!

VE been a regular reader of Sportsworld for the last three years. After being closely associated with the magazine, I have noticed that the magazine really does justice only to a couple of tennis stars. Like Steffi Graf for

example and as a result not much attention is paid to the other stars in the tennis world.

Here's hoping that we get some good interviews with other personalities. I also take the opportunity to thank the magazine for the excellent posters. I would be very obliged if you could give us a poster of Stefan Edberg (a close up please).

Thanks also for the superb article on Bjorn Borg (20-26 March, '91). Do keep up the good work.

ANXIOUS.

## Thanks!

VIDOS to the Sportsworld team for the tennis summer special issue. (22-28 May. '91). The articles and predictions about the French Open were interesting and informative at the same time. The pictures accompanying the story were also delightful. Hope you will continue the good work for the rest of the tennis season.

J. JERRIN, Nagercoil

The photograph of Monica Seles on the cover of this issue is by Tommy Hindley.

## KARATE

THE POWER OF THE EMPTY HAND

ARRYING on with the advance conditioning echniques This week we re working on the shins stand facing your partner in the kumite ose Then, bring your hins together, starting off gently and gradually vorking up the intensity is your shins get used to he impact As with the orearms, try and make sure you don t make contact in the same spot every time instead rying for the entire ength of the shin bone

Once you have completed this—as with the forearms—massage the area that has been taking the impact so that the pain subsides and the blood circulation is restored

By Shivaji Ganguly

Kyokushinkaikan karate

Stand facing your partner and bring the legs together, making contact with the shin (as shown in inset)



## ROUNDUP

## CALCUTIA

## Age-Group Aquatics

HOSTS College Square could not have asked for more in their platinum jubilee year. With a rich haul of 62 medals, including 26 golds, College Square triumphed in the All-Bengal Age-Group Aquatics meet.

The only team expected to run College Square close in the girls' section was Bally Swimming Centre. Howrah. But main hope Urmila Chhetri, who returned from the national camp in Bangalore, took part sparingly and probably reserved herself for the State Age-Group meet which would follow the College Square championships.

The hosts—ruled the roost as College Square swamped the opposition en route to winning the junior boys, junior girls' and sub-junior girls' team championships logging 32, 74 and a whopping 98 points, respectively. The boys' sub-junior title went to Bowbazar Bayam

All winners in the Age-Group Aquatics: Manoj Dutta, Gargl Dutta and Rupa Ganguly Samity with 60 points a club better known for its waterpolo players.

With Urmlla only making a token appearance in the meet. State swimmer Gargi Datta of the hosts took away the individual honours in the girls' section. Gargi, a 15-year-old, amassed 40 points in Group I events and bagged at least three individual gold medals, including two-the 50m freestyle and the 100m backstroke—on the last day of the championship.

Among the multiple medal winners were Sumita Parui. The Howrah girl has seemed to Improve over the years and her group III performance in this meet was another indication of her constant improvement.

Recordwise, the College Square competitions were a damp squib. Only two State records were bettered with Urmila breaking the 200m individual medicy mark set by former Bengal aqua-queen, Bula Chowdhury some seven years ago.

Urmila's record in the 200m individual medley was more or less expected. She holds the national mark (2:42.39) in this event and thus her 2:46.96 here was not surprising. Bula's mark stood at 2:48.8 seconds.

Sreeja Mazumdar of Bowbazar bettered the 50m freestyle for glrls in Group II. Sreeja bettered Gargi's State mark of 31.30 seconds to 30.58 seconds. Sreeja, touching 14 years, was one of the promising swimmers of the meet.

## Super League Volleyball

It was a remarkable feat for a team which was playing in the first division league for the first time. South Eastern Railway, which made their local debut just a couple of seasons ago in the West Bengal Volleyball Association leagues, landed a grand double this season by winning the women's knockout and later capping it with the superleague title.

The reason why the Railway or the institutional teams do so well in any level of competitions, whether in the State or in the country, is the fact that top players are inred away by decent jobs. It was the same story here in the State women's volleyball league.

The standard between the Railway sides-Eastern and South Eastern-and other first division teams is so big that the organisers are already thinking in terms of forming an eliic division where the top six will be in the fray.

SER entered the first division by topping the second division last year. They soon became a force to reckon with when they simply cruised to the State knockout title with an all-win record.

The Super league was held for the first time among the top six sides of the 12-team league. Though SER lost to defending champions Eastern In the league phase of the tournament, they made short work of them In the round-robin superleague engagements.

A win against Tollygunge Subhas Sangha in their last match ensured SER the superleague crown. In yet another one-sided match, SER outplayed Tollygunge 15-4, 15-4 and 15-12 to end a splendid year.

On an adjacent court, Eastern overcame Belur Youth 15-3. 14-16, 15-2, 15-2 to end





South Eastern Rallway were the winners of the State Volleyball championships

runners-up, a point behind the leaders. Belur with three wins took the third spot, while Salkia Association finished fourth on better set averages.

Soumitra Bose

## **MADRAS**

## Sports Foundation

SOME prominent sports loving citizens in the city headed by Dr MAM Ramaswamy, as the President, have formed an organisation which they hope will be a unique concept in the history of Indian sport.

Known as the "Sports Foundation", the society's basic function will be to promote sports. Possibly some of the objectives as outlined at a press conference in Madras, this month, are the same as any other sports association, but the fact that this will be a privately-run organisation with no affiliation to any Sports Federation or a Government agency, and with its own funds is what makes it

would be got through well wishers. donations and subscriptions. To set the ball rolling there would be 500 life members paying Rs 1000 each. Mr. Soundarajan was hopeful of turning this figure of Rs. five lakhs to Rs. 50 lakhs in a couple of years time.

The Sports Foundation in an effort to display its business-like attitude has already started functioning by sponsoring the trip of promising young cricketer, S. Sharath to the UK with Kailash Gattani's Under-19 team. Sharath left this month. Then from this month there would be various awards for Cricketer of the Month. Cricketer of the Year, table tennis Player of the Month and table tennis Player of the Year.

The awards range from Rs 2000 to 5000 and a memento. The criteria for selection of the awards

M.A.M. Ramaswamy: force behind the Sports Foundation

unique.

According to Sports Foundation Vice-President NC.Soundarajan, the organisation would complement the work done by various affiliated sports associations. He expressed the hope that the Foundation would give a new filip, direction and a sense of achievement to Indian sport.

For a start, the organisation will limit its activity to Tamil Nadu, but after necessary funds had been obtained, Soundarajan said the Foundation would have a national outlook.

Finance for running the organisation's ambitious activities

would be based on performance as well as potential. These, the organisers made it clear, were initial efforts and ultimately the Foundation would cover many more sports.

The organisers admitted they were inspired by the ATP Computer Rankings in tennis and the Deloitte Ratings in cricket while coming up with their awards.

Though it has already started functioning the Foundation will have its formal inauguration in August. By that time it hopes to acquire one of the many playgrounds in the city which will be the Foundation's base.

**Partab Ramchand** 



HF system s blasting out your favourate number You it sweating profusely the muscles are tant and bulging And you re revelling in the healthy glow that exercise brings along You've gone through the normal amount of sets but today there sar ne motivation that s prodding you ilong a voice miside you keeps telling you that you can do a couple more of sets Gradually you work yourselfinto the zone You do one extra set take time off for a breather take a couple of very deep breaths and then an excruciating pain hits you without warning and leaves your limbs weak and numb. It almost feels like the

muscle is in the process of tearing away from the bone Well you ve just been affected by charley horse or muscle cramps

The underlying mechanism of a muscle cramp is very complex. It involves the electrochemical process of muscle contraction The fibres in the muscles are activated in a particular order and not at the same time. This process normally involves a smooth muscular contraction and relixation. If however too many muscles are activated at the same time (like when yours working in the zone) the whole muscle contracts this synchronous hring of muscle fibers is the most common cause of muscle cramps

Another very common and fimilian type of cramp is writers cramp. This afflicts people who spent a good portion of the day bending over typewriters or computers. A painful spism of the wrist and fingers whenever writing is attempted, this cramp is strangenic that other movements using the same muscles produce no cramps.

Noctural cramps are often seen in old people the possible causes of this variation is varieose veins accumulation of metabolic wastes due to

DON Ti poor blood circulation and lack of oxygen. Here the muscle affected is already in a shortened position and is relieved by simple stretching.

Dehydration is another-and probably the most common-cause of muscle cramps. especially post-workout cramps. Electrolyte imbalances are also a known source of muscle cramps. though potassium and sodium

shortage can lead to cramps It is not adviseable to overdo the

intake of these minerals. Potassium is released from inside the cells during exercise to widen the blood vessels and

decrease heat production in the muscles. Because of the elevated level of potassium in the blood charecterestically seen during exercise, taking extra potassium could lead to an excessive level in the blood level. This in turn could cause heart rhythm disturbances.

The best way to counter this is to take frequent sips of water in between sets. Unless the fluld loss is replaced, the cramps are not likely to abate. A well balanced diei containing lots of potassium as in potatoes and fruits will also deter the onset of cramps.

Now that we know what causes it, how do we get rid of it? The most common treatment for simple muscle cramps is stretching. As soon as a cramped muscle is stretched, the rapid nerve input to the muscle lowers and the cramp disappears. Applying pressure to the affected parts also works in some cases.

Another technique advocated for relieving eramps is pinching the upper lip very hard. People are not too sure if this procedure works. and if it works, how it does? One explanation furthered is that pinching hard alters muscle/nerve transmission. Sooner or later everyone suffers from cramps. The ultimate and the final one being called rigor mortis But the good news is that when this happens you won't feel the pain.

In the meantime just stick to stretching and drinking lots of water. Just don't let the cramps eramp your style.

## THE FALDO FORMULA

FROM TEE TO GREEN

## Cure Your Hit From the Top

WASANT.



A COMMON FAULT IN GOLF 15 HITTING FROM THE TOP. TO MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT FALL INTO THIS TRAP, FOCUS ON YOUR LEFT SHOULDER. IF IT MOVES UP AND TO YOUR LEFT AT THE START OF YOUR DOWNSWING, YOUR ARTS MUST COME DOWN.





ANY INCLINATION TO HIT IS THUS DELAYED UNTIL LATER IN THE SWING.

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## Don't Hold Back

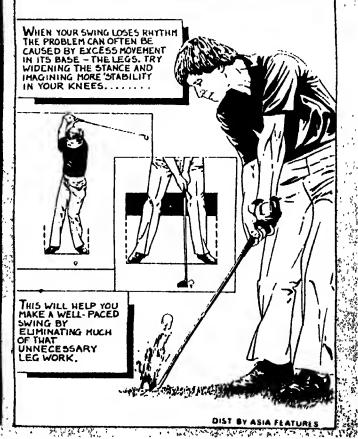
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THERE IS NOTHING MORE FRUSTRATING THAN WATCHING SOMEONE LOSING DISTANCE BY TRYING TO STEER THE BALL. PROPER RELEASE OF THE CLUB CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY A FREE UNINHIBITED SWING - SO DON'T HOLD BACK.



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## A Sound Base



## THE FUNNY SIDE OF GOLF

DEFINITIONS: OBSTRUCTION:
AN "OBSTRUCTION" IS ANYTHING ARTIFICIAL....



## **MILESTONES**

**RECORD SET:** By Javier Sotomayor of Cuba when he cleared 2.36mts for the best outdoor high jump mark this year.

**RECORD SET:** By Marlene Ottey of Jamaica, in the 200mts when she clocked 22.12 secs at an international meet in Madrid.

WON: By Thomas Hearns the World Boxing Association's light heavyweight championship. 32-year-old Hearns won a 12 round unanimous decision against previously undefeated Virgil Hill. CLEARED: By the central government a 3-member snooker team comprising of Yasin Merchant, Alok Kumar and P.N. Roy, for the eighth Asian Snooker Championship to be held at Karachi.

**CLEARED:** By the central government, US \$23,000 for V. Anand to help him prepare for the match against Karpov, in Brussels, to be played in August. **HOHOURED:** By the Haryana government the first

Ranji team to bring the trophy to the State.

SUED: Martina Navratilova by her former best friend Judy Nelson, for allegedly failing to abide by a 'non-marital co-habitation agreement'. The suit is for 10 million dollars.

signed: By the French club Cannes, Cameroon's striker Francois Omam Biyik for \$680,000.

WON: By China, the eighth edition of the Asian Women's Football championships, when they

defeated hosts Japan 5-0 in the finals.

WON: The Montreal Grand Prix, by Nelson Piquet.
Senna failed to complete the race.



## QUIZ/CHESS/BRIDGE

# QUIZ

#### **QUESTIONS**

- 1. Which English footballer devoted in his autobiography a chapter of one blank page to "The Average Director's knowledge of soccer"?
- 2. What is the title of the autobiography referred to in the above question?
- 3. Name the team which Johan Cruyff played for when he retired.
- 4. What is the Pony Wine Trophy?
- 5. With which sport is the Hornet World Championship connected?
- 6. With which sport is the term "traverse" connected?
- 7. When and where was the 'Alpine Club' founded?

#### **ANSWERS**

- 1. Len Shackleton.
- 2. 'Clown Prince of Soccer'.
- 3. Barcelona.
- 4. It is the Women's Football Association Cup in England.
- 5. Sailing.
- 6. Climbing.
- 7. 1857. in England.

# CHESS

Once upon a time king hunts were the norm rather than the exception. In the 19th century it was a point of honour to accept material sacrifices and checkmates in mid board were a dime a dozen. Nowadays, with defensive technique well developed they happen very rarely. Perhaps one in a tournament—even more rarely in a tournament as strong as this one.

White: Smirin Vs Black: Belyavsky, USSR Championship,

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc8 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Re1 b5 7 Bb3 d6 8 c3 0-0 9 h3 Nb8 10 d4 Nbd7 11 Nbd2 Bb7 12 Bc2 Re8 13 Nf1. This is the Breyer Defence to the Spanish. White can alternatively play on the Q-side with 13 a4. 13-Bf8 14 Ng3 g6 15 Bg5 h6 16 Bd2 Bg7 17 Qc1 Kh7 18 h4 d5:!

This is certainly the logical way to get counterplay but 19 h5 de4 20 hg6 fg6 21 Ne4 Nxe4 22 Bxe4 Bxe4 23 Rxe4 is supposed to be good for white. Obviously black had

prepared something.

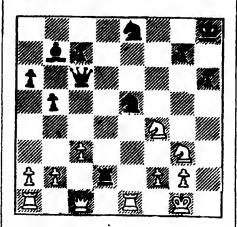
19 ed5 ed4 20 Nxd4? Certainly an error 20 ed4 Bd21 h5 Bf3 22 gf3
Nf8 is one way to hold on to e5.

20-Ne5 21 Ne6 Qd5 22 Nf4 Qc6 23 h5 Rad8 24 hg6 fg6 25 Qb1! Rd2 26 Bg6 Kh8 27 Be8 Ne8 28 Qc1? (See Diagram) The unusual material balance and the exposed king

balance and the exposed king would give white good drawing chances after 28 Qf5:
28-Rf2!! 29 Kf2 Nd3 30 Nd3 Qg2
31 Ke3 Nd6!! This is a brilliant

28-Rf2!! 29 Kf2 Nd3 30 Nd3 Qg2
31 Ke3 Nd6!! This is a brilliant intuitive combination. The white king is likely to be defenceless despite the great material disparity.
32 Rf1 Nc4 33 Kf4 Qd5 34 Kg4 Bc8
35 Kh4 Qd8 36 Kh5 Qe8 37 Kh4 Qe7
38 Kh5 Ne3 (0-1). White resigns because there is no reasonable way to prevent mate.

### Devangshu Datta



# BRIDGE

Despite Bengal's poor show in the Inter-State Championship at Puri last month, the state's overall performance in the Summer Nationals was quite creditable. All three pairs events, the Agarwala Selected pairs, the Women's and the Mixed, were won by Bengal players, and the state featured

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prominently in the teams that won the Mixed and Women's teams as well. Today's hand from the Mixed Pairs features the experienced duo of Lily Basak and Sukha Ranjan (Suku) Ghosh, the winners of both Mixed events: See Diagram

The bidding was quite normal by tournament standards with North transferring the contract to the stronger hand to protect whatever tenaces he might be having. As West, I started off with the diamond ace and a second one to declarer's king. South, Sukha Ranjan Ghosh, led the four of hearts to dummy's seven and East's queen and won the spade switch in hand with the ace. Now when he led the heart eight, I could have ensured a third trick for myself by covering the eight but it seemed that I would get a heart in any case and could afford to play low hoping declarer greedily tries for an overtrick by going up with the ace to try and catch East with doubleton king-queen of hearts, in wheih case he would go down. Unfortunately for me. Suku elected to opt for safety and followed low from dummy. Now with the lead in hand, declarer was in a position to execute a trump coup. He ruffed a spade in dummy, came up to the club ten, ruffed the spade winner in dummy, cashed a second club, came back to hand with the club ace on the third round of the suit and checkmated me by leading his diamond winner. With dummy having the ace-jack of trumps and a club winner, it was futile for me to ruff. On the other hand, if I refused to ruff, dummy's club goes on the diamond and now any card catches me in a trump coup. Making eleven tricks was a well-deserved top for the winners as no other declarer managed more than ten. Notice that if declarer had wasted the eight of hearts on the first round of the suit as many players would, he wold be restricted to ten tricks for he would be an entry short to execute the trump coup. Santanu Ghose

ENCOUNTER

# OUTOR THEBLUE

As the country's fastest swimmer,
Xavier Sebastian comes
minus the trappings of fame. A genial,
friendly person with his
feet firmly planted on the ground...

What would be the mannerisms of a guy who at the age of 22 is riding the crest of a big success wave? Who, at the age of 22 has a job. Who, at that age is used to getting up in the morning and seeing himself looking out of the newspaper. Who, is poised to take over the mantle of the fastest swimmer in the country. You would expect the guy to be a bit arrogant, a person so sure of himself that knowingly—unknowingly—the others around him are belittled.

Well, there's one guy going around in the sports fraternity, by the name of Xavier Sebastian who has tasted the sweet recipe of success, but still is the perfect role model for a guy next door. A guy with whom you feel comfortable from the very first moment of meeting him.

HE venue—the CSSC swimming complex in Calcutta. It took me ten minutes to spot him. His team mates were all splashing around in the pool, or catching their breath after a hard practice swim. But Xavier was nowhere to be seen. Then I spotted him, sitting in the stands fully dressed. I introduced myself. Xavier's handshake was firm, yet friendly, the smile warm. On being asked as to why he was not practising, the answer came tainted with a hint of remorse, "I've just recovered. from chicken pox. I was down for almost three weeks with pox in Bangelore." He then rolled up the sleeve of his shirt to reveal the scars that the illness had left.

I realised that he had none of the usual





Looking into the future: Sebestian's all set to storm into the big league

trappings of a star. He had his feet firmly. planted on the ground. He still retains that old village charm that one always identified with the people from the coast. Born in a remote district in Kerala called Kuttinad, he took to swimming like a fish takes to water. But not in a swimming pool. I learnt swimming in the river, and almost everyone in my village is a good swimmer." He was just another village boy, who went to school, came back, went for a swim, and then settled down with his family and books. The 10th son in a family of 13, (he has six sisters and four brothers), Xavier showed no signs of hitting the big time swimming league. He swam because all his friends swam and that was the premier form of recreation. In fact till then his favourite game used to be cricicat.

It was in '86, at the age of 17 that he was first introduced to competitive swimming by the physical director of the college. And that, was the first step in the making of a champion. The next year he

excelled in the Inter-Collegiate meet and the same year also showed his capabilities in the Inter-University meet. He was so good that finding a berth in the Jr. National team from Kerala was no big deal. He walked off with the silver in the 100m freestyle.

Just a couple of years in the field—should we say, the pool—and he made such a splash that the swimming community started taking notice of this 19-year-old with a beautifully sculpted body. So good was he that the Railways offered him a job, which he readily accepted. The principal worry of a boy at that age is a job and when he got the financial security, Kavier dedicated himself totally to swimming. This also was the year in which he graduated to the cenier Nationals and came second in the 50m freestyle.

His coach K.R. Multhandan was ac impressed with his ward that he prodded him on and the results were evident in the Nationals where Kavier swam away with five guids. The year also new him aut Is sights are now set on the SAF Games in Sri Lanka, later this year and then the Asian Games in Japan in 1994. As the country's best bet for a medal in swimming, the pressure is tough, but he handles pressure and fame with the same offhand nature of his. On being asked as to how he handled fame he said, "It's all God's will that I'm here." Very modestly put, that.

a new record in the 50 mts freestyle in the SAF Games at Pakistan. The same year he ventured into the international scene at the Pan Pacific Meet in Japan. "I went there not primarily with the intention of winning a medal, but to get myself acquainted with world class swimming. And this exposure helped me a lot in preparing for the Asian Games."

Come 1990 and he made a stake to the title of the fastest swimmer in the country. He defeated the legendary Khazan Singh in the 50m freestyle, with a timing of 24.51 as compared to Khazan's 24.67. Kavier Sebastian had

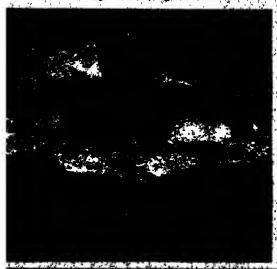
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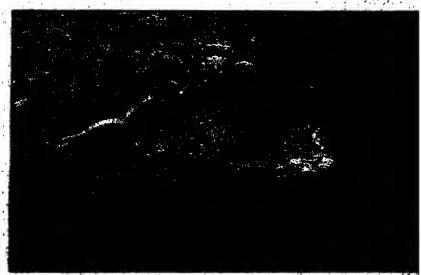
His form was so good that everyone expected him to win a medal at the Asian Games in Beijing. But that was not be. Though he came with a career best timing of 24.18 in the 50m and 54.34 in the 100m, the dream still remained unfulfilled. "I was very disappointed. I had the belief that I would certainly win a gold. But then in Beijing I caught a flu. Out here you practise at a temperature of around 21° but there we had to swim at 26°, and getting used to that was tough," explained Xavier.

But he still harbours the hope that Hiroshima, 1994 will be his tryst with

plory.

Since the day he first spieshed into





competitive swimming, the sport has become Kavier's passion. But he still finds time for music. "I really enjoy music and it is my favourite form of relaxation. Yesudas is my favourite singer. Other than that I listen to a lot of Hindi film songs also." Apart from being a music buff he is also a movie freak and watches one whenever he has the time.

Now based in Madras, the average of two months a year that he gets to spend at home is devoted to family, friends and a bit of soccer. For the other ten months it's swimming, swimming and more

swimming.

Up at 6 in the morning, it's headlong into the pool. A brief respite, and then back into the water at 4 in the evening. In between is the time for weight training and stamina building exercises.

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Practising for hours on sind has cortainly paid rich dividends

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# EXTRA-TIME EXTRA



Mark Wright: being auctioned

## The Maxwell Auction

ERBY COUNTY's chairman and owner, media tycoon, Robert Maxwell, has thought of a novel way to sell his prime assets, England defender Mark Wright and Welsh striker Dean Saunders. He will auction both players. The auction price for both the players is 5.5 million pounds, Leeds United has already lodged a 3 million pounds bid for striker Saunders. The deal they tabled has now been officially cited by Maxwell as the starting point for the auction. Manchester United, Arsenal, Everton. Aston Villa, Nottingham Forest, German club Bayern Munich, French clubs Marseille and Monaco and Real Sociedad (Spain) are all contenders for the 26-year-old lethal Welsh striker. For England defender Mark Wright, Liverpool and Arsenal are the prime challengers.

# **Daglish For Marseilles**

KENNY DAGLISH, Liverpool's manager who resigned in February due to the pressures of the job, is being tempted back with big money. He will not join Liverpool or any other English club. But Daglish will cross the Channel and join French League champions and European Champions' Cup runner-up, Marseilles. The offer is a cool 2 million pounds for a two-year contract. If Daglish accepts, he will be the highest paid manager in Europe.

Bernard Taple, the Marseilles president, isked by

his club's defeat in the European Cup final, has summarily dismissed 70-year-old Helgian manager. Raymond Goethals. Technical director, Prens Beckenbauer may also be on the way out. Thus Tages is determined to get Daglish. He also tried for Barcelona's Johan Cryuff but the Spanish club rejected the move. The 40-year-old Scotsman, Daglish, wanted to spend his time fishing and away from the pressures of football, but now he has had secret talks with Bernard Taple and may end his self-imposed exile and join Marseilles.

Kenny Deglish; to come out of exile



# THE EXTRA-TIME



Jurgen Klinemenn: Interested in computers

# **Klinsmann To Retire**

CE GERMAN striker Jurgen Klinsmann may retire next year. He is finding the pressures of international football stifling, in an interview with Bild Zeitung. Germany's equivalent of a tabloid manapaper, Klinsmann hinted that he intended to salire next year after the European Championships final rounds in Sweden. The 27-year-old Klinsmann wants to work with development agencies and assist ameliacating the lives of people in the Third World countries. It may be recalled that in Italia '90.

Elizabeth had suggested that FIFA donate 10 per people in the training the lives of the victims of the iranian shiftlestake in June '90.

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# Salako's No To Nigeria

THE 22-year-old John Salako, who excelled for England in their summer tour nearly played for the country of his origin, Nigeria recently. Officials from Nigeria made several overtures to Salako, He was tempted with cash and told a 120,000 crowd would be waiting for him in Lagos if he flew across to play for them in an international versus Ghana, a year ago. However, Salako was determined to fulfil his childhood ambition of playing for England. So he turned down the invitation from the Nigerian officials. Salako is glad he took the risk.

England manager Graham Taylor canadors the Crystal Palace winger as the find of the season and he is assured of a place in his adopted country's international squad. Salako came to England in 1979, five years after his father died. He is a Christian and is a member of the Christians in sport

Signed by Crystal Falace at the age of 14 years. Salako says. You've got to live the right life and work hard to become a top player. My club manager Steve Coppell needled me to work harder and this has made me an international.



INSIDE TRACK

WORLD OF ATHLETICS

# JOHNSON FAC

URCPE's top athletics promoters are joining forces to prevent athletes making a lucrative cometack only two years after being banned for drug offences. The promoters have elected Andreas Brugger, who controls Europe's richest meeting in Zurich, to head a six-man Grand Prix committee, whose aim is to ensure that athletes such as Ben Johnson, who was benned after being found guilty of drug abuse at the Secul Olympics, will not coah in on their motoristy.

The promoters of the big-money meetings in the grand prix series—Erussets, Osio, Berlin, London and Burich—will have members on the committee, who will be supported by the majority of other promoters in Europe.

Their main aim is to increase the senience presently imposed by the International Ameteur Athletic Federation on competitors who fail drug tests.

The LAAF's maximum ban is two years, and Johnson has returned to make a fortune mainly because of his disqualification at the Glympics. This has increased Suropean promoters.

The IAAP have a two-year ban, but as from next Junuary weightend to impose a four-year ban of our own," said hir Brusser.

We are not going against the IAAF but we have the middle not to invite athless to our matter, find anyone proved parties he was the this year will not be considered until 1996. Organisers of major European Grand Prix events want to put an end to the trend of hanned athletes coming back and easting in on their notociety

Ben Johnson in one of his first comeback races in Ontario, Canada This will be welcomed by the British Amateur Athletic Board, who have already imposed their own ban on diagraced athletes.

Apart from suspending for life a British athlete who has been suspended—and that includes Johnson—is allowed to be invited to an open meeting in Britain.

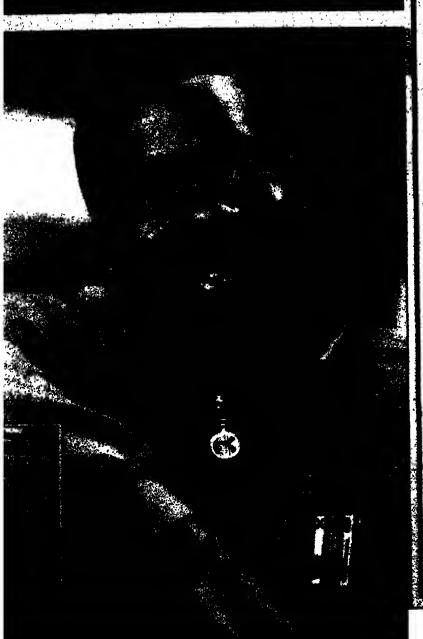
The only exception to the British rule is that Johnson would be able to run if he was included in the Canadian team for an international.

Johnson has already noticed an estimated 2500,000 since his return from suspension at the end of last year, after making a lucrative comeback in the indoor season and now cashing in with appearances in Europe.

He is believed to have collected about \$40,000 for two runs in Spain and will share something in the region of £250,000 to compete against Carl Lewis in Lille on July 1. He will also receive other large sums for running in Finland on June 23 and again meeting Lewis in Malmoon Aug. 5.



# NEW BAN



Although the official reasons for Large Burrell, the world's top sprinter, withdrawing from the lieville insetting were "domestic", it is known that he returned home bucause he was officed "peanuts" in comparison to Johnson still Levie, even though they did not run in the same race.

"It is oriminal that athletes who have

got to the top without assistance should be made to suffer because of the unjust interest shown in an athlete who was begined," said Mr Brugger,

The Zurioh promoter, who has the biggest budget of all to organise his meeting, said to be exound £1 million, has got tough with athletes in the past, banning those whose demands he considered excessive. "It is criminal that athletes who have got to the top without assistance should be made to suffer because of the unjust interest shown in an athlete who was banned"

Johnson has insisted that he is not running for money and has been clearly agitated by questions regarding his new-found fortune. "I don't care should the public or the money, my job is to rese Levis," he said in fleville.

Spain Arms Hames: the Cale reconsider.

Swein Arme Hanneri, the Celo promoter has already taken steps to energy that he is not involved in the Johnston controversy by withdrawing all sprint

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# How do you react to an injured superstar?

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Botham's hamstring
twanged in middash,
putting him instantly
on the disabled list.
Already that day, we had been
reminded, in horrendously gleeful
pictures from the bedside, that Mr
Gascoigne is serving out his time
in a plaster cast, and
claiming-while grinning his
idiotic head off-that he knows he
deserves this punishment.

The news had also come through that Paul Downton, once a scarcely disputed first choice as England wicket-keeper, had called a definitive halt to his career, having accepted the doctors' view that the damage to his eye, viciously poked by a flying bafl, was destined never to mend as he had hoped.

Suddenly it seemed that the whole brigade of British sporting heroes might reveal itself as frail and vulnerable, all held together by sticking plaster and bluff. Who

would be next?

Who, indeed, had already "gone" without admitting it to the punters and press? Those famous beers young Woosnam has with the lads after a tournament win-are they actually killing some hidden pain? What is the javelinesque equivalent of "dartitis" and could Steve Backley catch it? Has Graeme Hick been blind as a bat all along and Gary Lineker secretly addicted to sherbert lemons?

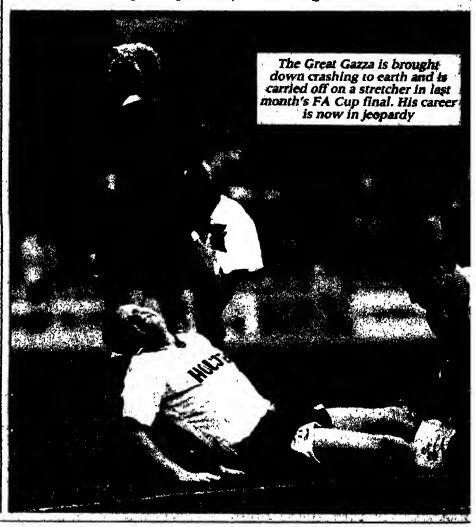
A real fear lurks behind such fantasies and, for us spectators, British or otherwise, I suspect it's a fear of our own ruthlessness. We admire the great sportsmen and women for as long as they can

perform, but once they start to bulk up and slow down, we can be very cruel, more or less holding these people's former excellence against them.

If they are injured in their prime, it can be almost worst. The recent case of Bo Jackson in America was instructive. He had been a hero in both the summer (footbail) and winter (baseball) games, which had been too much for some touchline philosophers

in the first place. He's being greedy with his body, they would say. No good can come of it.

When severe injury did come, it was natural that such proponents of moderation would tell us they told us so. What was shocking, though, was not that, but the eagerness-it really feit like a kind of relish-with which the television cameras would follow Jackson around as he swung through his old dressing-room haunts on a

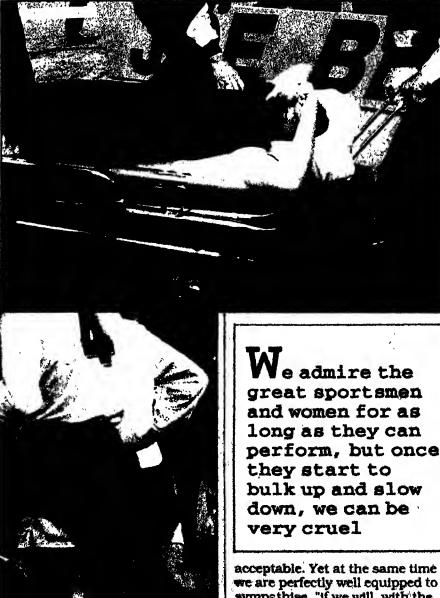


pair of crutches.

Here's your hero, the pictures were saying; and what do you think of him now? Aren't you glad that you were you all along-mediocre old you, a person

to whom something as humiliating as this cannot happen?

At some level, we all have to be reassured that our incapacity for physical greatness is OK.



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we are perfectly well equipped to sympathise, "if we will, with the great athlete whose abilities are suddenly neutralised. We all know what it's like to be let down by the normal channels between the brain's dosire and the muscle's reaction. The simplest dead-leg or attack of pins and needles is enough to remind us how things can go wrong. Some. horrible feelings arise from such. dissociations. Anybody who has dislocated a shoulder, for example, knows how alten a

feeling it is to be lying beside this great heavy lump of lifeless, unmotivatable meat and bone and gristle-one's own arm. To the finely tuned athlete, any day on which his or her body does not respond fully to the call of the will must bring inclinings of that same chilling sensation-to what extent do I belong to me, after all? And shall I ever be able to make me

work again?

So much is at stake now in career sports that one would not be surprised if sportspeople start to get neurotic about their bodily self image and withdraw from competition under the threat of imagined allments. There are hypocondriacs, I suppose, in all walks of life, and people whose bodies act out their woes for them in physiological ways. Some people's bodies are simply put together more loosely than others, and actually do creak and play and overstretch at the major junctions, and so they're for ever on the treatment table.

There are big dangers, though: in pointing the finger at an athlete with the accusation that "it's all in his mind". I say this with feeling because it happened to me once-not in the sporting sphere, I hasten to say, but in a highly reputable hospital at least, where my unorthodox symptoms were taken to be the fancies of an

anxious mind.

Mechanical injuries that are visible to the X-ray eye leave no room for argument or managerial suspicion. One simply has them corrected and waits to see if the correction works. But what of those of the mind. Either way it can't be easy. The waiting can't be easy, and it certainly won't be for Mr Gascoigne if all he finds to fill his time is video games and Mars bars. I personally hope he takes up embroidery. I have a sampler in mind that he could work on over and over again, a decorative motto to be hung on every wall in his house. It runs:

"Do what you have to do to the BALL, the whole BALL, and nothing but the BALL." Between being a great player and a great twit, that formula is all there is.

Russiell Davies



## Pooja Bedi: looking fame straight in the face

# A GOOD SPORT

in depth

IXTH FEB, 1991. You guys freaked out when you saw lovely Pooja Bedi on the cover of this mag. We did get a lot of flak for that. 'What's a starlet doing in a sports mag?' was your query. Anyway we'll take a break and tell you where else you can see her. Tune in on the boob (oops) tube soon cos' she's gonna be there: presenting a serial on swimming.

Yes, Pooja Bedi Is gonna present a sports serial called (guess) Depth. This one is a five-episode swimming serial, produced by the Radiant Sports Management group for Mandi House. The central character is Khazan Singh with producer Aushlm Khetarpal indulging in some histrionics too as a big-mouth hoax clad in gaudy clothes and the like.

Anyway, the bonus is that Pooja appears in each episode-But we must say, she is a good sport plus or minus the swimming suit, we don't know

# RESTA WHILE

Child's play

E did mention Chris Evert's pregnancy in this all-knowing column. Chris-as we learnt at that time-was thrilled at

hearing the news. But things have changed for her since. And it is more her fault than anything else. Simply put, some complications have set

Chris with husband Andy Mills. Is the baby in danger?



Taking into account her pacy lifestyle, doctors have asked Chris to put her feet up at her home in Florida and take in some rest. This medical advice being given so that Chris can save her unborn child.

More likely, however, is the fact that doctors are anxious to see 36-year-old Chris pull through the delivery because having a child at her age could be risky.

Chrissie, right now in her 22nd week of pregnancy which is normally considered to be the safest period by doctors, however, read to much into that As a result of this she had to miss commentating for NBC at the French Open. No problem, NBC and her fans are hoping to see her at Wimbledon, Pregnancy be damned, she'd rather have a mike in her hands.





# LOVE ON THE ROCKS!

Ain't no big surprise

ENNIS players the world over are making music. And surprisingly, they are all one-time greats. First you had Cash. Then McEnroe. And now it's Mats Wilander.

Now exposed to the rock circuit, Wilander has apparently experienced his fair share of doing booze and dope. And it shows they come with the territory. Rumour is that it is impossible to listen to his songs without thinking about the discord in his marriage to New York-based model Sonya Mulholland. The songs also deal with broken affairs and all that. Examples you want? Then take these lyricsfrom his song 'Snakebite.' In the desert enakes are lurking One bite you turn purple Sucks the blood from my brain You will never see her again You give me snakebite and poison my brain That sounds like a man whose marriage is on the rocks.

Seles: good looks, good tennis





ONICA SELES may be the hottest thing in tennis. Figure-wise, tennis-wise and money-wise. But have you people-the lesser mortals-ever stopped to think what she would ever do, if she didn't play tennis?

Well, for starters, Monica would like to be another Madonna (not morally but appearance-wise). The teenaged Yugo dreams of the day when the Cannes film festival might be more important to her than, say, the French Open. "I would love to be Madonna," she said. But if this gal feels the urge to hit Hollywood, she also feels very strongly about the heritage of tennis. She freaks on Suzanne Lenglen saying, "Suzanne was a rock star before there was rock. I would like to be like her. Wouldn't it be neat to be a mystery woman and bring high fashion back to the sport?

"To be like Suzanne Lenglen, like Madonna. To be untouchable. At 25, I'll be in Hollywood, trying te be an actress." So folks, get the most of her while the wall around.

#### ONDAY morning. No time for a walk in park. the Hell, no. It's straight to work for us guys. And obviously the topic of discussion is how Andre Agassi lacks big-match temperament. Bad part is, the person getting almost as much flak as the 1991 French Open runner-up is me...the self-confessed Agassi

Then, the phone rings. It's for me. Gawd, no, not someone calling to rub it in. It's not. Thank God. It's a friend...an out-and-out Sportsworld fan. Dibyendu Sen's calling me to thank the magazine for making him 400 bucks!

Hey, what gives, dude? How come? What did we do?

Remember the 'Future Shock' issue, he asks. Sure, we do. That was a couple of months back, right? Well, there was a prediction in there that said Jim Courier would beat Andre Agassi in the French Open final this year, he says. There was? And I won a bet which I took on that tip, he gloats.

I put the phone down softly. Where's that file, guys? Hurriedly flip through till I find the issue. Turn to the cover story pages and there it is, screaming out at me. Don't be surprised if heavy-hitting. hardworking Jim Courier uses his big forehand to topspin his way to the French Open final, beating last year's finalist Andre Agassi, along the way. But don't expect Courier to be as polite as Michael Chang about it. He'll hoot and holler all. the way to sictory Pagen 4. Sportsworld of 3 April Dist Isoughly

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The silence in the department is almost eerie-hey, for that matter, any bit of silence in this damn place is eerie-as the news sinks in. We publish it. And someone else makes money off it. How d'ya like that? We don't.

Still, you've got to hand it to Dibyendu. He read this two months ago, filed it away in his mind, and went out and put money on it. Good for you, pal.

And for those of us who missed out, here are some more predictions that we could have a bet on. The same cover story also predicted that Look for Martina Navra-

tilova to win a tenth Wimbledon singles crown and retire, once and for all. She will not, however, climb into the stands to hug the members of her oft maligned but much-appreciated "coterie".

Another one reads 'Expect to see Ivan Lendl back in the main draw at the French Open. He'll then go on to win his much-coveted first Wimbledon singles title.' How do you tackle that? Lendl didn't play the French. Then, are you willing to put out a tenner on him winning Wimbledon?

Any bets on Agassi playing this year's Wimbledon? Our prediction reads Aridre Agassi will play Wimbledon finally and show up wearing white spandex shorts. which the All-England Club will promptly ban. Agassi's managemeni firm IMG-which owns the marketing rights to Wimbledon-will come to the rescue, Agassi won't last into the second week of the tournament, but the British fans will love him'. Don't know about that last part, but white spandex shorts? Those upper lipped guys at the All England Club are bound to splutter into their pint of bitter when Agassi makes appearance.

And for all those of us who're still sulking about missing out on this red-hot tip, here's some consolation. One of the predictions read 'Jimmy Connors will come back from wrist surgery, play a series of exhibitions, take a break to commentate for NBC at Wimbledon, and join Team Tennis by mid-July' Hoo boy, this one

really bombed.

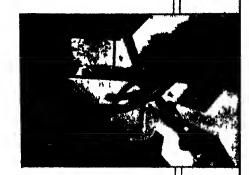
Connors had surgery on his wrist, but that's about all that he did according to this script. He didn't play exhibitions. He played the French Open...and bloody well too. He isn't taking a break to commentate for NBC at Wimbledon. He's asked NBC to relieve him of commentating duties so that he can play Wimbledon!

Hey, sorry I can't give you any more predictions. Why, you seld? Well, just in case you haven't yet entered our Wimbledon prediction contest and are still desperately. looking for some tips. That's why.



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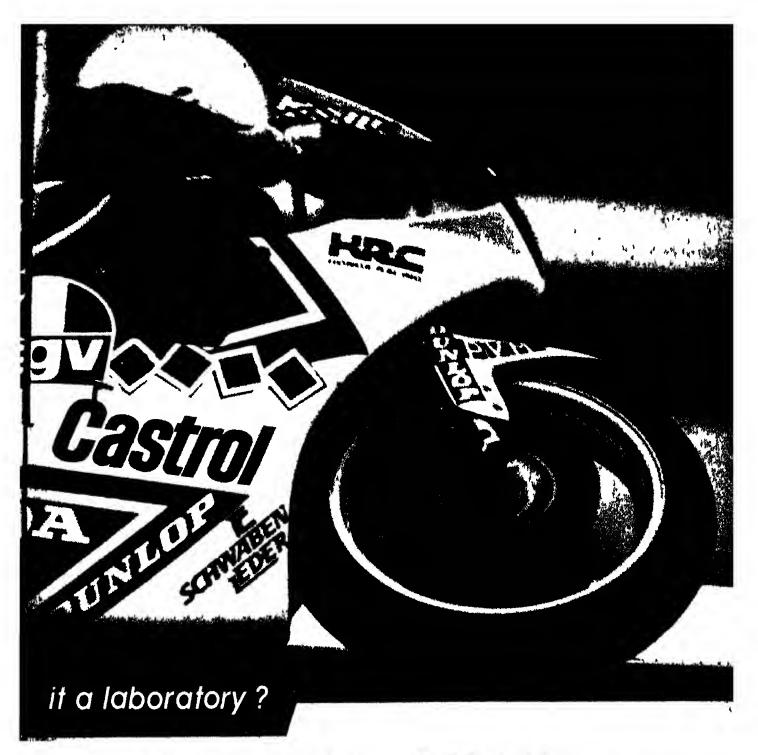
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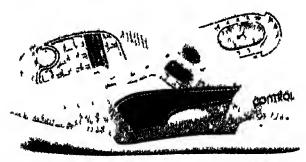
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the early, early 1980s, when Connors, Borg and McEnroe shined brightly, their skill burning with all the menace of an oxy-acetyelene flame, a battered debate still raged. Who was the best tennis player in the world?

This was like choosing between Solzhenytsen, Mailer and Camus for a night time read. A surfeit of genius, an abundance of riches.

They were so close, if Borg won the French, Mac challenged at Wimbledon and Jimbo snorted through the US Open-yet still one could tell, if at least brieftly so. Each man had a year, years, a period, where the characteristic smell of a certain cordite let it be known who was in charge.

Coming to the middle 1980s, some vestige of an answer was gotten, when Donald Budge, Rod Laver, Jack Kramer and John McEnroe, the only active player among them, was unanimously voted as the player most likely in the world to win the Grand Slam.

For McEnroe to be publicly endorsed by the two former Grand

Slammers was an enormous compliment. One he could not completely fulfil; nevertheless it remained a vindication of his greatness.

Now, a decade on from the early 1980s, the debate continues: who now is the best tennis player in the world?

Is it Sampras or ivanisevic or Agassi or Chang, who are keen, but to carry the writer's analogy further, but are at best solitary bestseller boys, whose further works are eagerly anticipated.

So is it Edberg? The unfathomable Swede, the incumbent world No.1, who has gone full circle, an entire year, to when he last won a Grand Slam-Wimbledon 1990.

Or is it Lendl? Who is beckoned more by fatherhood, who has slipped to No.3, who has been befriended by injury for the first time and who last won a Grand Slam 18 months ago in Australia.

Or is it Boris Becker, the slam-bang-kid turned introspective-man, who is No.2, who won nothing last year but started 1991 well with an

Stefan Edberg: tough challenge to face



ROHIT BRIJNATH previews the men's tournament of Wimbledon '91

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Australian title

Again it is tough to tell, but not for the same reason, for while this is genius too, it is scattered brilliance. No change of attitude, no demonic domination.

Yet-and there is always a yet, you merely wonder when it is coming—it is the 23—year—old German who strikes the sharpest chord. A paradoxical chord, for while some feel he is on the verge of keeping his promises. Others contend he no longer possesses the will to do. Is he the world's greatest player, or on the freeway to destruction?

Which is why Wimbledon 1991 looms so large in the realm of Boris Becker

A few years ago, after McEnroe's epitaph had finally been written, more by himself, the Grand Slam question arose again. There was no discussion this time, merely the solitary voice of Donald Budge.
Who did he favour? Boris Becker

In one sense, Budge's choice was logical-Wimbledon appeared beyond Lendi's grasp, Edberg too fickle to take all four, and Becker's progress as an all-court player ominous Indeed, Becker was two matches away from winning the French this year, which left only Wimbledon and the US Open to





make the Grand Stam fournaments Becker has won in sucception before, in his awesome 1986

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loss to Agassi that critics will use as further evidence in their case, first Beoleon wedge has deserted him. Stove Flink, Editor, and a respected one, of World Temple specied the debate and a cause worms saying. "Much as I'd like to be wrong, I have a sinking feeling that Booker may never be the

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in late 1988. Becker legistary virtual assault on the real, transfer Lend in five sets at the Masters lifted Germany to the Davis Command burst into 1989 like a major with unstoppable purpose. He displayed formidable class in his comeback against Lendi in the Wimbledon semi-finals, saved the match points against Derrick Rostagno at the US Open and returned from two-scis-to-love to win against Agasei in a Davis Cubduel.

The contrast, then, was appalling. In 1990 a year he had forletted Davis Cup play to concentrate on becoming No. 1 be lost to Ivanisevic at Paris, his sen being broken nine times, six the in succession. But according to Flink, it was his Wimbledon loss Edberg in five sets that Becker be haunted by for a long time. Becker broke for 3-1 in the Min of that final, and was on the very one of the greatest comebacks of his career when he played mean the waster big garner of its life are cycle part recuperate. He doubles further many the first point of that pivotal game, missed a harisoutine volley on break potrit, on Water Level last to Cast its

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situation that alarmed and angered Becker's manager Ion Tiriac Becker would speak of loneliness and suicide, of love for his car, of wearing wigs in public for disguise, of girlfriends and sex of using drugs if Lendl used them of the toll tennis took on people like him or getting away from it all

It was a disturbingly honest interview the boy from Leimen looking for a happiness in success he could not find. It appeared to suck the passion of the game iron within him it seemed to have reduced his tennis to a job where intensity arrived only in half-hearted spurts. The rage that Becker played on was diminished

That confusion clouds Becker's life was reflected in a marginal way at the Australian Open. He won the title was in a flash of a second. No 1 and could not quite face it head on. He raced out of the stadium and

ecker would speak of loneliness and suicide, of love for his car, of girlfriends and sex, or getting away from it all...The rage that Becker played on was diminished...

stood on the curb of the nearby Batman Avenue and screamed I wanted to be alone was all he later said

1 and could not quite face it head And all alone he was Coach Bob on Heraced out of the stadium and Brett was dispensed with after

Australia, the arrangement with Niki Pilic didn't work because he was too involved with the German Davis Cup team and although Becker used Tomas Smid during the French Open there is no evidence whether that partnership will survive through Wimbledon

Screaming, of course, is a Becker trademark At one time it was as if he was compelling the devil within him to appear Now like against Agassi in Paris he wonders what devil resides in him And Paris was to be another piece slotted into the puzzling jigsaw Becker is

So many times he threatened to overwhelm Agassi. So many occasions he flirted with pulling back to win. But he never could quite do it. His tennis was too erratic and if his mind seemed to stray out of focus he confirmed it. As he embraced Agassi after the match he commented, I was not



right in the head today."

So at the crossroads of what has been a stunning career in every form and manner. Wimbledon beckons. Agassi who has been a threat, four times out of four Becker has lost to him in succession, will not be a danger on grass.

That is almost irrelevant. Boris Becker is not in combat with other players. He is fighting himself, searching deep into his well of desire.

It is strange then, almost coincidental, that Wimbledon, where it all began for him five years ago, is now again the arena of judgement for him. To be the greatest player in the world today, he must win. To resurrect his self belief that blows strong and then weak for no apparent reason, he must win.

Should he not, greater then will be the evidence that Becker, although already an all-time great, has lost that white clean flame of championship brilliance.

To subtly paraphrase what Robert Frost wrote, Boris Becker, tired maybe, confused perhaps, still has, 'promises to keep and miles to go before he sleeps. have a chance to win
Wimbledon. And only three
have a good chance."
maintains 1975 Champion
Arthur Ashe who shocked
heavily favoured Jimmy
Connors in the final.

The Ashe Axiom is as valid as ever in 1991. My trusty crystal ball tells me that the seven contenders, in order of their current rankings, are No. 1 Stefan Edberg, No. 2 Boris Becker, No. 3 Ivan Lendl, No. 6



# Lendl won't win Wimbledon with Becker, Edberg, Sampras around

Says PAUL FEIN, discounting the maestro's recent do- or-die vow

Pete Sampras, No. 7 Goran Ivanisevic, No. 25 David Wheaton and No. 52 Pat Cash.

No player in tennis history-not Bill Tilden, Ellsworth Vines, Don Budge, Pancho Gonzales, Lew Hoad,



Rod Laver or John
McEnroe—has ever played grass
court tennis of the caliber of
Becker at his outrageously
explosive and skillful best.
"Boom Boom" serves well over
120 miles per hour, so fast the
human eye can barely follow the
ball, volleys well (if not quite at
Edberg's level) and breaks
opponents' serves with victously
powerful returns.

What's more, Becker revels in the challenge Wimbledon presents. "For me those are the most exciting two weeks of the year." he has said. "It's the biggest tournament, so I should be nervous, but I'm not. On the day of my linals I was in a very happy mood at breakfast, laughing a lot and joking around. I leel I belong there."

Becker clearly seemed distracted in 1990, perhaps by romances with lovely ice skating champion Katarina Witt and carefree Princess Stephanie of Monaco. He also grew increasingly introspective and concerned about global problems and "false values" he decried such as fame, wealth and materialism.

In my opinion, this explains why Becker, out of focus and no longer singleminded, blew two routine volleys and a seemingly secure 3-1 fifth set lead in last year's final against Edberg. As Becker has pointed out, "At this stage, playing the top guys, it isn't so much tennts, anyway. It's nerves, brain, heart."

For Becker, who has won 28 of 30 Davis Cup matches amidst the greatest expectations of idolatrous Germans, that lapse was most unusual.

Edberg's form has been sporadic in 1991 even though he has managed to regain the No. I ranking that Becker briefly took away.

The pleasant but bland Swede could be the most anonymous No. I in tennis history, almost the antithesis of the flamboyant playboy Becker and colourful. controversial Andre Agassi. Not surprisingly, his high percentage, efficient serve and vollev game reflects his personality. While his peaks aren't as towering as Becker's. his volleys aren't as low either. A graceful natural athlete and the sport's premier volleyer, Edberg perhaps relies too heavily on his predictable and not-always-powerful spin serve. It's no accident that terrific service returners, Jimny Connors and Alexander Volkov, who crack service returns early and hard, destroyed him at the last two U.S. Opens. Even so, Edberg, the 1988 and 1990 Wimbledon king and 1989 runnerup, should reach the ficial again.

One has to respect and sympathise with 30-year-old Lendl who has become almost obsessed by Wimbledon, the only Grand Slam event that has eluded him. "I'll win it or die first," he has said. Unfortunately, he won't, as long as Becker, Edberg and Sampras are around.

Enigmatic Ivanisevic can be an out-of-control adolescent or a super server capable of beating anyone. Wheaton is an all-surface, all-strokes player who thrives at Grand Slam tourneys and steadily improves. And don't forget no-longer brash Cash, the 1987 Big W champ, who with his usual stellar volleys and pluck, plus a little luck, could return to Centre Court on July 7.

## THE YOUNG ONES

**GORAN IVANISEVIC:** Madman walking. Psycopath playing. Violent strokeplay. Volcanically temperamental. Semi finalisi last year. Is capable of that

like a Maserati. But serves not quite as fast. Hits passing shots through the eye of a needle. Could impress with a sweet draw.

**PETE SAMPRAS:** People expected too much from me after the US

spandex shorts) is creating expectant waves. Don't be deceived. His serve has muscle. Hits groundstrokes earlier than anyone and harder than most. Won't win. But could surprise inflated serve-volley egos



Chang:
Hits passing
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the eye of
a needle...

Cash: The perennial comeback kid...The athleticism is roaring. Acrobatic volleys. Tough serve.

again or a first round loss.
Playing double with McEnroe?
Wimbledon will burn for sure.
MICHAEL CHANG: A lightweight in determined transit to becoming a potential heavyweight. Moves

Open. I will have a good period again. Perhaps now'. If so at Wimbledon, then everyone beware.

ANDRE AGASSI: His outfit (white

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CONTENDERS:

IVAN LENDL: Has had up-and-down preparations. Which has positive interpretations. Last year, demolished Becker to win Queens. Everyone including him thought he was peaking too early. Despite desire, despite purpose, looks fragile against any good grass court player. STEFAN EDBERG Defending champion and likely finalist, at least. Although is the vazir of volleying, his serve at times loses its sharpness. Only sometimes that is. PAT CASH: The perennial

comeback kid. The Achilles heel has held. The athleticism is roaring. Acrobatic volleys. Tough serve. Can do damage at Wimbledon and who's to argue?

# Wimbledon Who's Who

## THE UPSET BOYS:

DERRICK ROSTAGNO: Something about Wimbledon grass enlivens him. As cool as the breeze in manner. As hot as the arabic sun in the game. MICHAEL STICH: A serve from 6 ft 4in up. A volley as lethal and a commitment to win. Has played something like 12 tournaments this year-very eager to perform. A fine player in the making.

David Wheaton. Christo Van Rensburg, Anders Jarryd: All men of value

## THE ONLY ONE TO WATCH

**JAMES SCOTT CONNORS:** Must have laughed when his nam was not in the first batch of wild cards Wimbledon awarded. Had they eventually refushed him, tennis ould have witnessed its first riot. As if he needed desire, Jimbo has quit the commentary box for a while. Embarked on a new carbohydrate diet and is ready, in Jimbonese, to 'Kick ass'. Methinks he will do some of that.

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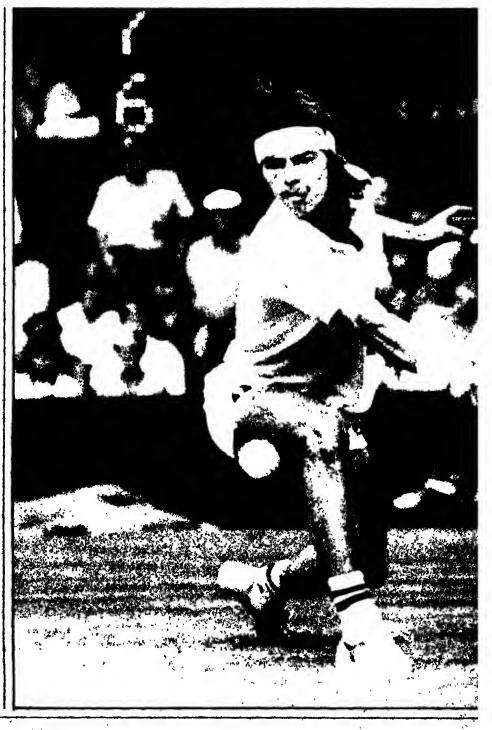
the call
BY JOHN FEINSTEIN

HEN the rains came to Brisbane. Australia, Rod Frawley was a man with time on his hands. Since he runs an outdoor tennis complex, the persistent wet weather meant there was little for Frawley to do except stare at the rain and make a long postponed trip to the dentist.

That done—" only cost me \$2,000." he says jokingly—Frawley felt entitled to some pleasure, so he pulled out his most cherished video—the tape of a 1981 match he lost in straight sets.

"It brought back a lot of memories," Frawley says. "I lost, sure, but it was to John McEnroe in the semifinals on Centre Court at Wimbledon. How many tennis players can say they played the Wimbledon semifinals? That was the most fantastic day of my career. To this day, people still introduce me as "Wimbledon semifinalist Rod Frawley.' The experience changed my life."

Remarkably, Frawley is one of 10



men who, during a 10-year stretch from 1977 to '86, went from non-seed to Wimbledon semifinalist. For some-like Frawley-it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, a bolt of lightning from the southwest London sky that struck once, and only once. Frawley was 28 in '81, a struggling journeyman

ranked 118th in the world. Two years later, he had to qualify just to get into the tournament.

New Zealander Chris Lewis.
Frawley's best friend and doubles partner in 1981, did his comrade one better in '83 by reaching the men's singles final. In the semifinals, the world's No. 91 player stunned Kevin Curren, who

had upset defending champion Jimmy Connors in the round of 16, and then lost quickly in the final to McEnroe. Less than three years later Lewis was off the tour. He now coaches West German Davis Cupper Carl-Uwe Steeb.

Pat Dupre was a rising American star when he reached the semifinals in 1979. He cracked the



Frawley played his first and only singles match on Centre Court. He lost three close sets to McEnroe in a match marked by McEnroe's misbehaviour



top 20 before the year was over and was a couple of points from getting to the quarterfinals a year later. But by '84, still not yet 30, injuries drove Dupre into retirement.

Of course, the lowest ranked player to reach the Wimbledon semifinals is still the only person to ever come out of qualifying to appear in a Grand Slam semi—John Patrick McEnroe Jr. Although McEnroe went on to a pretty decent career that includes three Wimbledon singles titles, he shakes his head at the memory of 1977, when he arrived in London ranked No. 233 and left a reluctant celebrity.

"To have something like that happen to you, you have to be incredibly lucky," he says. "I mean, the draw did open up for me and I got to play most of my matches on back courts, where nobody really even noticed me until I'd won about three or four matches. By the time I played Phil Dent in the quarters, I was playing with a lot of confidence. Even so, it was a five-setter."

The list of Sudden Semifinalists is an intriguing mixed bag.
McEnroe was a teenager just

Ranked no. 91 in the world Chris Lewis reached the 1963 final. In the semis he stunned Kevin Curren in a fantastic duel. And three years later the New Zealander was off the tour

discovering his talent in 1977 Tom Okker ('78), a one-time top tenner, was well past his prime at age 34 having dropped out of the top 100, Dupre (79) was a solid pro on a hot streak, Brian Gottfried (80) had slipped from No 5 to No 27 Frawley ('81) was thrilled just to be in the tournament, Mark Edmondson (82) ranked 19th in the world at the time, just missed being seeded Lewis (83) never reached the fourth round of any Grand Slam before or after that fortnight Pat Cash (84) was rapidly ascending Boris Becker ('85) arrived as a very promising very young player on the rise and Slobodan Zivojmovic ('86) has been in or around the top 20 for the last three years

Many factors must work in confluence for a non-seed to become a semifinalist but it scafe to say that it's far more likely to or cur at Wimbledon than at any other Grand Slam Obviously the surface has a lot to do with it, says Gottfried who though often seeded at Wimbledon, only made the semis in 1980 when he wasn t seeded Two things happen A big server who might not have a chance on the slower surfaces can pull an upset That can open up the draw for someone like me a good grass court player who may not be good enough to beat the very top guys The blg server gets that top guy out for you and all of a sudden you ve got a shot

The other thing is the old cliche about grass being an equalizer. It really is Instead of hitting 10 balls to win a rally you can hit 2. You go out to play Mats Wilander on grass and you know you have a chance. If

its at the French, on clay forget it

Gottfried's run was set up when Wojtek Fibak upset Vitas Gerulaitis, the fourth seed early in the tournament When Gottfried got past Stan Smith in the third round and Dent in the fourth, there was Fibak

Fibak was a solid grass court player says Gottfried but he isn't going to serve you off the court Neither am I I had the better day I didn't have to play the match of my life to win It I had played Vitas back then I might have had to

The year before Dupre had played Gerulaitis—in the first round. It was one of those things where you look at the draw and see you re playing the fourth seed and normally you might be upset. Dupre says. But I was actually happy becuse I played Vitas all through the juniors and had good luck with him. I thought I had a great chance to win.

The match was played on the No 2 court Wimbledon's infamous upset court. The bounce on the court isn t as true as on Centre Court or the No 1 court and the spectre of other players staring down from the tearoom balcony often distracts the favourites McEnroe, who lost to 1 m Gullikson on No 2 that same year. made reference to the vultures on the balcony after his match Dupre was well aware that other players were watching him play Gerulaitis but it didn t bother him in the least

I really think the court affects the stars much more than it does the underdogs, he says. They re just so used to the controlled

atmosphere of the inside courts I felt good the whole match—except after I got up two sets Then I started to get the shakes

Dupre dropped the next two sets, but pulled himself together to win the fifth Suddenly, he looked down the road at his draw and thought. The semilinals are there for me His thinking made sense since all four seeds in his quarter had lost in the first round. After ousting Gerulaitis Dupre, ranked No. 37, played Yannick Noah, a notoriously weak grass court performer.

It was just my time, Dupre says I never had an easy match, but I was confident every time. The only time I had trouble was when I played Adriano Panatta in the quarters because I had never been on Centre Court. Guys came up to me before the match and told me to be prepared for the difference in size and background out there. But the whole thing threw me, the size, the place I mean it's Wimbledon After a set, though, I settled down and was OK. When I got through

Many factors must work in confluence for a non-seed to become a semifinalist, but it's safe to say that it's far more likely to occur at Wimbledon





Rod Frawley is one of the 10 men who, during a 10-year stretch, went from non-seed to Wimbledon semifinalist

that match, believe it or not, I thought I was going to win the tournament."

The reason for Dupre's confidence? His semifinal opponent was Roscoe Tanner. "I was 5-1 in my career against Roscoe," he says. "But that day. nothing felt right. I had played a lot of tennis [23 of a possible 25 sets] and I was just drained. My serve didn't have any sting. Everything was a step slow and I couldn't even break him once. By the end I knew I wasn't going to win. But even so, as I walked off, I looked around me and felt very proud of what I had done, I still am."

Dupre reached the quarterfinals at the U.S. Open that year and was ranked as high as fifteenth. One year later he lost to Nick Saviano 13-11 in the fifth in the round of 16. His quarterfinal opponent had he won that match? Roscoe Tanner. "That one hurt," Dupre says. "I really wanted another shot at Roscoe."

Dupre, still only 25, began to have back problems that

eventually spread into his neck and shoulders. By 1984, playing hurt, his ranking dropped into the 200s. He decided to walk away. "I didn't want to be one of those guys who kept hanging on in qualies." he says.

Dupre has worked as a teaching pro at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas since 1985. Every so often someone will ask him when it was that he reached the semis at Wimbledon. "I tell them," he says laughing, "that it was the same date as the fall of the Holy Roman Empire."

To Frawley, it must seem that his Wimbledon run was at least that long ago. In 1981 a stomach muscle injury had hampered him all year, so he decided to skip singles in the clay court events that spring to save himself for grass. He did, however, play doubles with Lewis.

"In Munich (West Germany), we lost in the quarterfinals and I was so discouraged I wanted to go home," Frawley remembers. "Chris talked me out of it. Actually, working out with him every day was the best thing that ever happened to me. I've never been fitter than I was when we got to Wimbledon that year."

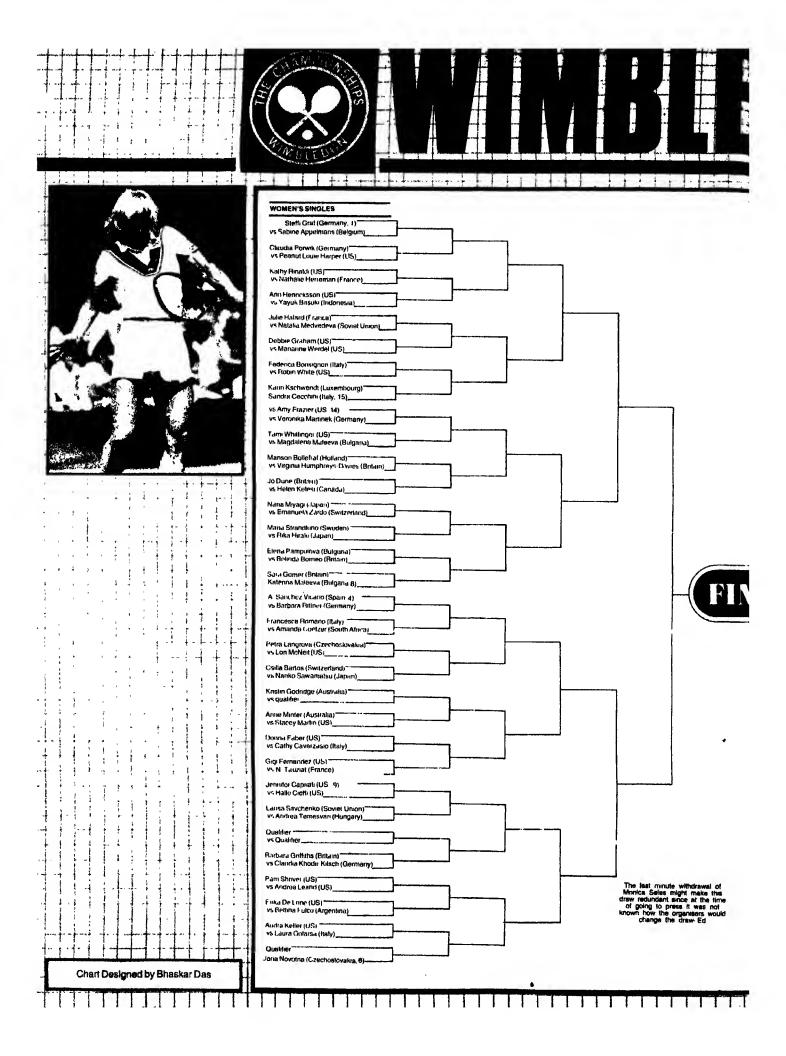
Still, Frawley needed some luck, and he got it when Brazilian Carios Kirmayr upset Tanner in the first round. "The funny thing is, I had been with Roscoe at Bristol [England] when the Wimbledon draw came out and he looked at it and said, joking around, 'Rod, you've got a good draw. You get to play me in the second round.""

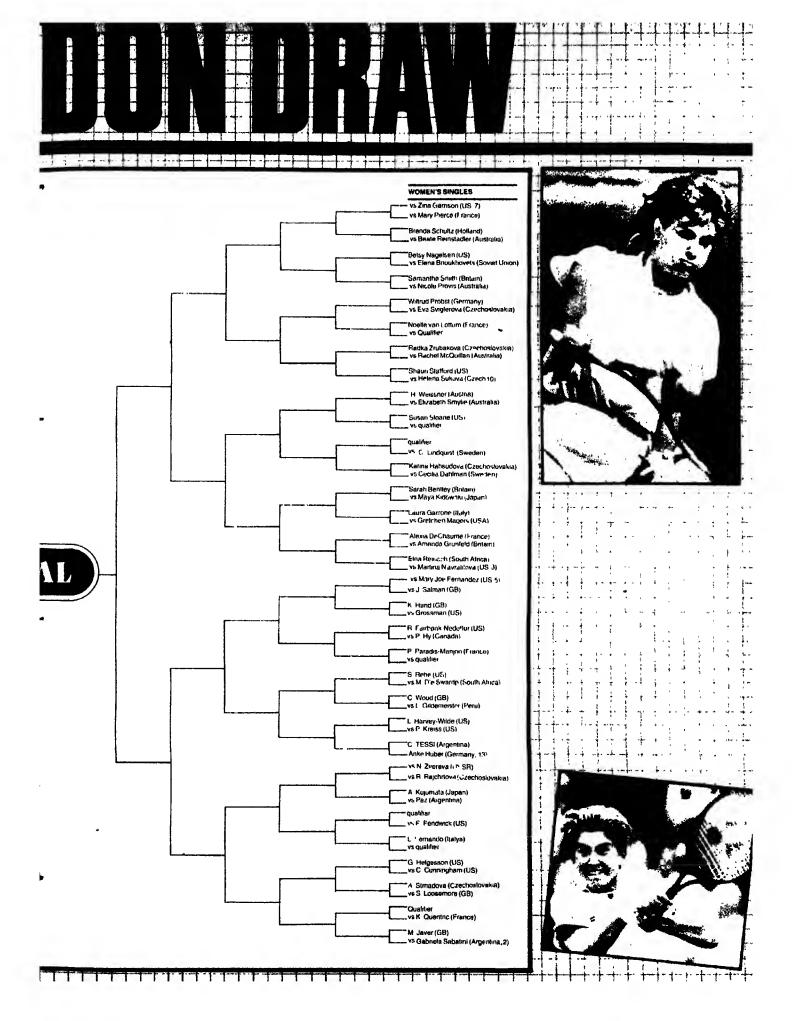
Instead, Frawley played Kirmayr and won easily. The draw was open from there until he faced Tim Mayotte, also unseeded, in the quarters. "Tim was just out of college then," Frawley says. "He was a very good grass court player, but I'd seen Paul McNamee beat him a couple of weeks earlier. I kept thinking that Paul could beat him, I could."

Frawley lost the first set, won tie-breakers in the second and third, and then broke to lead 5-3 in the fourth. "I was very calm until then," he says. "But when I broke, I remember it was with a backhand down-the-line that I hadn't gone for all day. I suddenly thought, 'My God, I'm serving for the Wimbledon semi-finals.' My knees shook. Fortunately, I got some first serves in and got out quickly."

Two days later, Frawley played his first and only singles match on Centre Court. He lost three close sets to McEnroe in a match marked by McEnroe's misbehavior. "Funny how time changes your perspective," Frawley says. "I was quite furious with John at the time. But looking at the tape the other day, what he did didn't seem so bad. All I really remember now about it all is the thrill of being there."

Some players, like Frawiey, never returned. Others, like McEnroe, Cash and Becker, came out of nowhere and have made it a habit. Either way, there's no tennis stage in the world that can turn a nobody into a somebody faster than Wimbledon. As history proves, it not only can happen, it does happen. D





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#### **MEN'S SINGLES**

WINNER:408,000 dollars (240,000 pounds)

RUNNER-UP: 204,000 (120,000)
SEMI FINALIST: 102,000 (60,000)
QUARTER FINALIST: 53,040 (31,200)
ROUND OF 16 LOSERS: 28,560 (16,800)
ROUND OF 32 LOSERS: 16,515 (9,715)
ROUND OF 64 LOSERS: 9,996 (5,880)
FIRST ROUND LOSERS: 6,120 (3.600)

### **WOMEN'S SINGLES**

WINNER: 367,000 (216,000)
RUNNER-UP: 183,600 (108,000)
SEMI FINALIST:89,250 (52,500)
QUARTER FINALIST: 45,084 (26,520)
ROUND DF 16 LOSERS: 22,848 (13,440)
ROUND OF 32 LOSERS: 12,801 (7,530)
ROUND OF 64 LOSERS: 7,752 (4,560)
FIRST ROUND LOSERS:4,743 (2,790)

# MEN'S DOUBLES (PER PAIR)

WINNERS: 167,161 (98,330)
RUNNERS-UP: 83,572 (49,160)
SEM! FINALISTS: 42,891 (25,230)
QUARTER FINALISTS: 22,270 (13,100)
ROUND OF 16 LOSERS: 11,866 (6,980)
ROUND OF 32 LOSERS: 6,443 (3,790)
FIRST ROUND LOSERS: 3,774 (2,220)

# WOMEN'S DOUBLES (PER PAIR)

WINNERS: 144,602 (85,060)
RUNNERS-UP: 72,284 (42,520)
SEMI FINALISTS: 34,323 (20,190)
QUARTER FINALISTS: 17,816 (10,480)
ROUND OF 16 LOSERS: 8,891 (5,230)
ROUND OF 32 LOSERS: 4,828 (2,840)
FIRST ROUND LOSERS: 2,737 (1,610)



Ivan Lendi

# MEN'S SINGLES

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YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
1970	J.D. Newcombe (AUS	K.R. Rosewall (AUS)	5-7,6-3,6-2, 3-6,6-1
1971	J.D. Newcombe (AUS	S.R. Smith (US)	6-3,5-7,2-6, 6-4,6-4
1972	S.R. Smith (US)	I. Nastase (ROM)	4-6,6-3,6-3, 4-6,7-5
1973	J. Kodes (CZ)	A. Metreveli (USSR)	6-1,9-8,6-3
1974	J.S. Connors (US)	K.R. Rosewall (AUS)	6-1,6-1,6-4
1975	A.R. Ashe (us)	J.S. Connors (US)	6-1,6-1,5-7, 6-4
1976	B. Borg (SWE)	I. Nastase (ROM)	6-4,6-2,9-7
1977	B. Borg (SWE)	J.S. Connors (US)	3-6,6-2,6-1, 5-7,6-4
1978	B. Borg (SWE)	J.S. Connors (US)	6-2,6-2,6-3
1979	B. Borg (SWE)	R. Tanner (US)	6-7,6-1,3-6, 6-3,6-4
1980	B. Borg (SWE)	J.P. McEnroe (US)	1-6,7-5,6-3, 6-7,8-6
1981	J.P. McEnroe (US)	B. Borg (SWE)	4-6,7-6,7-6, 6-4
1982	J.S. Connors (US)	J.P. McEnroe (US)	3-6,6-3,6-7, 7-6,6-4
1983	J.P. McEnroe (US)	C.J. Lewis (NZ)	6-2,6-2,6-2
1984	J.P. McEnroe (US)	J.S. Connors (US)	6-1,6-1,6-2
1985	B. Becker (W.GER)	K. Curren (US)	6-3,6-7,7-6, 6-4
1986	B. Becker (W.GER)	I. Lendi (CZ)	6-4,6-3,7-5
1987	P. Cash (AUS)	I. Lendl (CZ)	7-6,6-2,7-5
1988	S. Edberg (SWE)	B. Becker (W.GER)	4-6,7-6,6-4, 6-2
1989	Boris Becker (W G)	S Edberg (SW)	6-0, 7-6, 6-4
1990	S Edberg (SW)	Boris Becker (W G )	6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-4







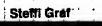
Stefan Edberg

## MEN'S DOUBLES

YEAR	WINNERS	
1970	J.D Newcombe & A.D. Roche (AUS)	
1971	R.S. Emerson & R.G. Laver (AUS)	
1972	R.A.J. Hewitt & F.D. McMillan (SA)	
1973	J.S. Connors (US) & I. Nastase (ROM)	
1974	J.D. Newcombe & A.D. Roche (AUS)	- 1
1975	V. Gerulaitis & A.A. Mayer (us)	- 1
1976	B.E. Gottfried (US) & R. Ramirez (MEX)	1
1977	R.L. Case & G. Masters (Aus)	Į
1978	R.A.J. Hewitt & F.D. McMillan (SA)	
1979	P. Fleming & J.P. McEnroe (US)	ĺ
1980	P. McNamara & P. McNamee (AUS)	İ
1981	P. Fleming & J.P. McEnroe (US)	.
1982	P. McNamara & P. McNamee (AUS)	Į.
1983	P. Fleming & J.P. McEnroe (us)	1
1984	P. Fleming & J.P. McEnroe (US)	}
1985	H.P Guenthardt (SWI) & B. Taroczy (HUN)	}
1986	J. Nystrom & M. Wilander (SWE)	ŀ
1987	K. Flach & R. Seguso (US)	ł
1988	K. Flach & R. Seguso (us)	1
1989	J. Fitzgerald (AUS) and A. Jarryd (SWE)	
1990	R Leach & J. Pugh (US	
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# WOMEN'S SINGLES

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
1970	M. Court (née Smith) (AUS)	B.J. King (née Moffitt) (US)	14-12,11-9.
1971	E.F. Goolagong (Aus)		6-4,6-1
1972	B.J. King (née Moffitt) (us)	E.F. Goolagong (AUS)	6-3,6-3
1973	B.J. King (née Moffitt) (US)	C.M. Evert (US)	6-0,7-5
1974	C.M. Evert (US)	O. Morozova (USSR)	6-0,6-4
1975	B.J. King	E.F. Cawley (née	6-0,6-1
	(née Moffitt) (US)	Goolagong) (AUS)	
1976	C.M. Evert (us)	E.F. Cawley (née Goolagong) (AUS)	6-3,4-6,8-6
1977	S.V. Wade (GB)	B.F. Stove (NETH)	4-6,6-3,6-1
1978	M. Navratilova (US)	C.M. Evert (US)	2-6,6-4,7-5
1979	M. Navratilova (US)	C. Lloyd (née Evert) (US)	6-4,6-4
1980	E.F. Cawley (née	C. Lloyd	6-1,7-6
	Goolagongi (AUS)	(née Evert) (US)	
1981	C. Lloyd Inée Evertl (US)	H. Mandlikova (CZ)	6-2,6-2
1982	M. Navratilova (US)	C. Lloyd (née Everti (US)	6-1,3-6,6-2
1983	M. Navratilova (US)	A. Jaeger (US)	6-0,6-3
1984	M. Navratilova (US)	C. Lloyd Inée Evert) (US)	7-6,6-2
1985	M. Navratilova (US)	C. Lloyd (née Evert) (US)	4-6,6-3,6-2
1986	M. Navratilova (US)	H. Mandlikova (CZ)	7-6,6-3
1987	M. Navratilova (US)	S. Graf (W GER)	7-5,6-3
1988	S. Graf (W.GER)	M. Navratilova (US)	5-7,6-2,6-1
1989	Steffi Graf (W G)	M Navratilova (US)	16-2, 6-7, 6-1
1990	M Navratilova (US)	Zina Garrison (US)	6-4, 6-1







Martina Navratilova

# WOMEN'S DOUBLES

YEAR	WINNERS	
1970	R. Casals & B.J. King (née Moffittl (US)	
1971	R. Casals & B.J. King (née Moffitt) (US)	
1972	B.J. King (née Moffitt) (US) & B.F. Stove (NETH)	
1973	R. Casals & B.J. King (née Moffitt) (US)	
1974	E.F. Goolagong (AUS) & M. Michel (US)	
1975	A.K. Kiyomura (US) & K. Sawamatsu (JPN)	
1976	C.M. Evert (US) & M. Navratilova (CZ)	
1977	H.F. Cawley (née Gourlay) (Aus) & J.C. Russell (us)	
1978	K. Reid (née Melville) & W.M. Turnbull (AUS)	
1979	B.J. King (née Moffitt) & M. Navratilova (US)	
1980	K. Jordan & A.E. Smith (US)	
1981	M. Navratilova & P.H. Shriver (US)	
1982	M. Navratilova & P.H. Shriver (US)	
1983	M. Navratilova & P.H. Shriver (US)	
1984	M. Navratilova & P.H. Shriver (us)	
1985	K. Jordan (US) & E. Smylie (AUS)	
1986	M. Navratilova & P.H. Shriver (US)	
1987	C. Kohde-Kilsch (w.ger) & H. Sukova (CZ)	
1988	S. Graf (W.GER) & G. Sabatini (ARG)	
1989	J Novotna & H. Sukova (CZ)	
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# HOT SEATS!

Beware the werewolves of Wimbledon

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Wimbledon. Not so. In fact, getting to meet Princess Di is far easier—and considerably less terrifying.

Last year, I was lucky enough to acquire two tickets for The Championships through the National Ticket Ballot, a lottery system administered by the All England Club in which the public may apply by mail for seats. My pair cost £50 (about \$75); the location was vile, but they were for the day of the ladies' finals, my first choice! I asked the star of a TV series my company was producing if she would like to join me. Her reaction was rapturous. (The same pair of tickets will cost £75, or about \$128, this year).

In hopes of exchanging my tickets for something closer to courtside, I rang my local ticket agent and was promptly laughed off the phone. Consulting some of my streetwise chums, it dawned on me

> THERE's the notion that anyone can walk down to the local ticket office, whip out a few five pounds notes and get a courtside seat at Wimbledon. Not so. In fact, getting to meet Princess Di is far easier-and considerably less terrifying

that *good* seats for Wimbledon could be found only in dark, Dickensian places—and at a price.

"BEST PRICES PAID! ABSOLUTE DISCRETION GUARANTEED!" screamed the advertisements—in the gentlemanly London Times, no less! Picking at random, I rang one of the numbers. A voice like a dachshund's bark informed me that my bleacher seats were worth £100, and if I wanted to trade them in for two at courtside, it would cost me another £850. After ringing a few others, I realised that these guys, these touts (scalpers), were a breed apart—and all were named Tony.

Tony No. 4 offered this advice: "Keep your rotten seats and wait 'til next week, then you can sell them for double, darlin', but meantime, I got two lovelies at £700 for you, darlin'. Come on over; you sound gorgeous. The name's Tony." He said he took credit cards.

Expecting to be led into a smelly alley by a bunch of Oliver Twists, I was stunned to find Tony No. 4 at a well-known central London agency, "The Ticket Desk," on Charing Cross Road, the office aglow with neon signs and jazzy posters.

Tony relieved me of the £700, then reached inside a large briefcase filled to the brim with those magic morsels-Wimbledon tickets-and handed me two beauties.

That night I lay in bed gazing at the tickets and suddenly realised they had no price printed on them! Convinced they were forgeries, I took off for the All England Club the next evening, queued an hour for a £3 end-of-day grounds admission pass, and made my way to the administration building, where tickets are authenticated against a giant master chart listing seat numbers and the names of the original purchasers.

Once at the main desk, an imperious, dour old woman glowered at me as I handed her my pair of tickets. My heart began to pound. Why did I do this? I asked myself. Was it all a setup? Was All







England Club chairman, Buzzer Hadingham sitting in his office watching a video of the transaction and preparing to blackball me from the hallowed grounds forever? What if this woman confiscated my £700 worth of heaven?

"These are fine, my dear," the woman said, managing a remote smile. They were real, authentic, honest-to-goodness seats.

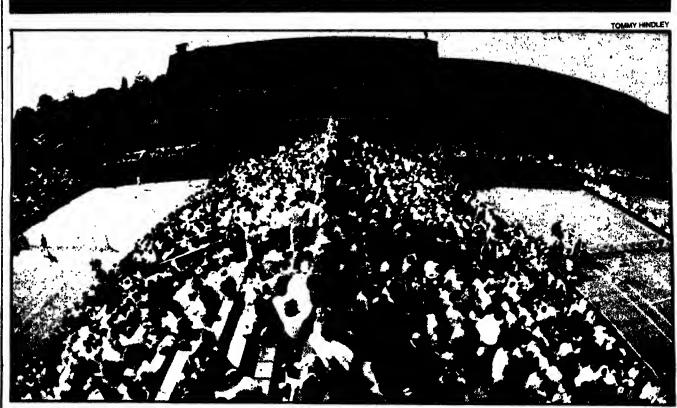
Wimbledon's ticket system is elaborate. Each year, 52 percent of Centre Court tickets for the fortnight are allocated to the public, including members of private tennis clubs and the Lawn Tennis Association. Also included in that 52 percent are standing-room tickets and daily sales to people who camp out overnight and queue the length of Church Road. They know that the odds against securing tickets in advance via the lottery are six to one.

These seats are hot! They get more expensive as you get closer to the front (inset)

The road that leads up to the gates of The All England Club. Ironically it is called Church Road, the favourite hangout of the ticket touts

Another 25 per cent goes to schools, officials, umpires, VIPs, media, members of the All England Club, the LTA Council, foreign associations, players from past years who've reached singles quarterfinals or doubles semi finals, and current competitors. The club doesn't look kindly upon people who resell such privileged allocations; in the case of umpires, it's against club rules.

ONE of the hottest stories in '88 was the allegation that lon Tiriac sold his allocation of tickets for £ 30,000 after his protege, Boris Becker, was knocked out on the first Friday of the '87 championships



This section is better known as the Bleacher Seats. You have to sit crammed up and pay £100

The remaining 23 percent is reserved for companies that entertain clients in the 44 officially sanctioned marquees, plus Keith Prowse, the club's exclusive ticket agent, which arranges package deals for British and foreign clients. Debenture holders complete the picture.

ARLY in 1989, the All England Club announced a plan to buy back the ticket holdings of people who might otherwise sell them to touts, giving an extra 10 percent, and then resell them to companies that lease marquees during the championships and never seem to get enough tickets for clientele. An idealistic approach, to be sure. (Recently, the Club turned down an offer from an unofficial marquee operator of £1 million for 200 tickets per day for four years.)

One of the hottest stories in 1988 was the allegation that Ion Tiriac sold his allocation of tickets for £30,000 after his protege, Boris Becker, was knocked out on the first Friday of the '87 championships.

But by far the ugliest ticket scandal of recent times took place in 1987, when London newspaper headlines announced that a senior umpire, Paul Alderson, had been banned from the profession for life following a Sunday Mirror exclusive about the staggering trade in umpires'

tickets. Summoned into action by the Elect Street furore, the British Tennis Umpires Association staged its own internal inquiry. In addition to suspending Alderson, the organisation also disciplined several other officials. Now umpires, traditionally volunteers, are paid a small salary or given a meager allocation of daily tickets.

OUTS range from wee laddies to beer-bellied rednecks and number in the hundreds during the tournament.

Last year, a new breed of tout emerged in the form of well-dressed yuppies, one of whom was nabbed outside Wimbledon with 60 hot tickets in his pocket. Then there are children, some as young as 13, affectionately dubbed "The Tiny Touts," who hang around the club hustling tickets for cash.

Occassionally touts are arrested, but they can only be booked for obstruction. They usually plead guilty, pay a fine of about £120, and are banned from the streets for the duration of the fortnight.

My advice to foreign tennis fans who ever want to visit Wimbledon is to find a good package deal, or inquire with Keith Prowse. Your last resort, of course, is a trusty tout.

**Carol Gould** 

COURTESY WORLD TENNIS

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# SINCE 1877, AT WORPLE ROAD, WIMBLEDON, ONLY THE HEMLINES HAVE RISEN.

Oh, of course, graphite rackets have come in to play. And a trifle more money.

But surely, these are minor changes for over a century.

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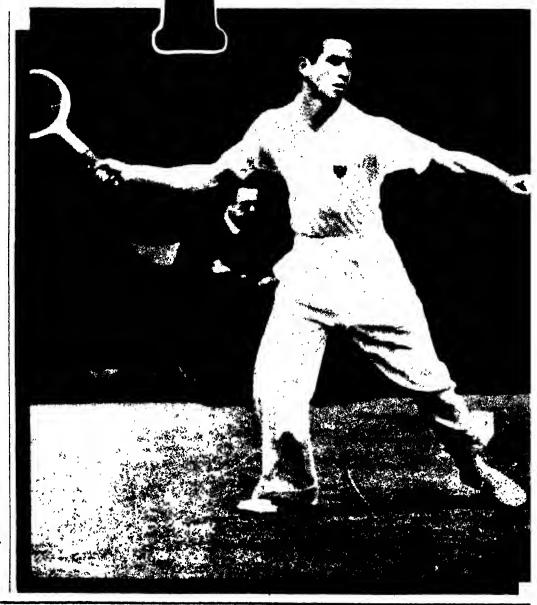


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Bobby Riggs en route to that Wimbiedon title

The organisers would send a chauffeured limousine to your hotel to take you to your matches. The linesmen marched regally on the court.I'm sure every campaigner would agree that there's no better tournament than Wimbledon; it's the premier, number one, world's greatest event.





WON more than the singles, doubles and mixed doubles at Wimbledon 50 years ago. I'm the only player who took £100 and bet it on himself and let it ride on the singles. As the No. 1 seed, I got 3 to 1 odds, then let the £400 ride on the doubles. Instead of receiving 14 to 1 odds, I got only 6 to 1. But I won and got £2,400 and let it ride again. I should have received 100 to 1 odds on the mixed, but those English bookmakers were very strict, so they cut the odds to 12 to 1. Nobody before or since

has won all three events on his first visit, and I made well over \$100,000.

I kept it pretty quiet. I didn't want anyone to borrow money from me. And I did what any 21-year-old would do: I went to the dog tracks and horse races and played a lot of gin rummy. I actually had a little left over when I went home.

I've been competing since the 13-and-unders in Southern California, right up to the U.S. national singles and doubles in the 45s, 50s, 55s, 60s and 65s. But of all the tournaments, the one I remember most is Wimbledon.

I remember the very efficient manner in which the English stage a tournament. They would send a chauffeured limousine to your hotel to take you to your matches. The linesmen marched regally on the court. I'm sure every campaigner would agree that there's no better tournament than Wimbledon; it's the premiere, number one, world's greatest event.

As the top seed in 1939, I played very few matches outside Centre Court, which was great because Centre Court had the best bounces. Americans are afraid to use those great big steamrollers to pack down the grass because it might kill it. The English don't seem to mind doing that so you get fairly high bounces, and mostly good ones.

The '39 men's singles was especially memorable for me. Elwood Cooke and I had so many long baseline rallies that the English

got bored with the match and went out to have their tea; we were still rallying when they came back. Cooke, who was also my doubles partner, played the match of his life.

I had beaten him 16 times in a row and took him too lightly, but he was inspired. He won the first set and had me down 5-3 in the second before I realized I had a fight on my hands. I deuced it up and won the set 8-6; but he won the third set. There I was down two sets to one in the Wimbledon final against a guy I normally killed!

Every player's dream is to win Wimbledon, and Cooke threw everything into this battle. He was flying sky-high, but he ran out of gas. After the match, I recall he went in for a massage and couldn't get off the table.

l, on the other hand. was invited to have tea with Queen Mary in the Royal Box. It was certainly a thrill for a hard-working, middle-class youngster like myself. She wore one of her famous hats and was very cordial and friendly. I told the Queen that I liked English history and recalled reading about successions to the throne, King John and King Richard the Lionhearted.

She got a big kick out of that.

BOBBY RIGGS, in 1939 became the only man to have won the singles, doubles and the mixed doubles titles at Wimbledon the same year.....surprisingly he never played at Wimbledon again



## **QUESTIONS**

. Who was the 1 iast Englishman to win a Wimbledon title? 2. What is traditionally the original reason given for the All England Club holding the first championships in 1877?

3. The pony roller is still seen in one corner of Centre Court. Although it is still in use (without the pony) for what other reason does it have to stay there even after all these

years?

4. The rules of Itennis, as it is played now, were coded by which organisation?

5. What was so ironic about the birthplace of Spencer Gore, the winner of the first championship

. What was so Oodd about the ladies and men's champions of 1939?

. The legendary Bjorn Borg made his Wimbledon debut at age 17. Who did he play in his very

first match? Q. If you were going to see . matches at

Wimbledon, which London tube station would you have to alight at?

### **ANSWERS**

Jeremy Sates. He won the mixed doubles event with Jo Durie in 1987

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Wimbledon 1985:
Fourth Round.
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Boris Becker
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the umpire's
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despair and
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youthful face.
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When Boris Becker won
Wimbledon in 1985, it wasn't just
the end of the Borg and McEnroe
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never to be the same again

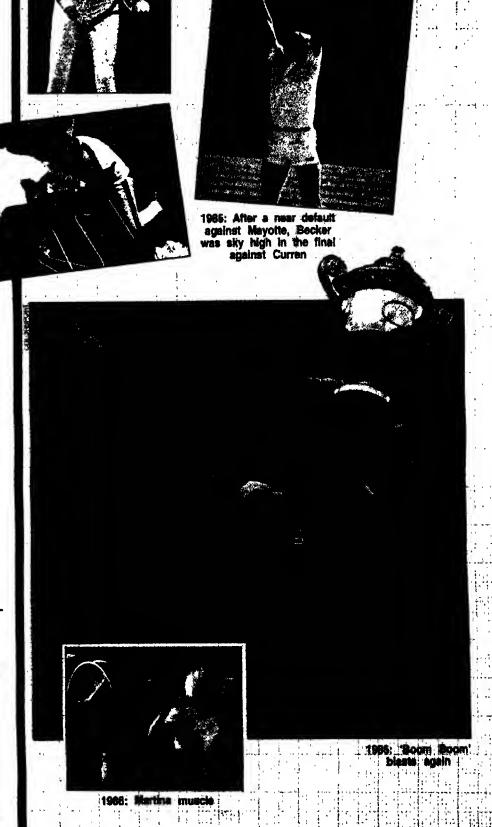
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Becker went on to
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Close to defaulting in the fourth round Boris Becker went on to become the youngest men's champion at Wimbledon...to prove it wasn't a fluke the ebullient West German repeated the feat in 1986. ... Anne White provided some sartorial splendor taking Wimbledon's dress rulings very

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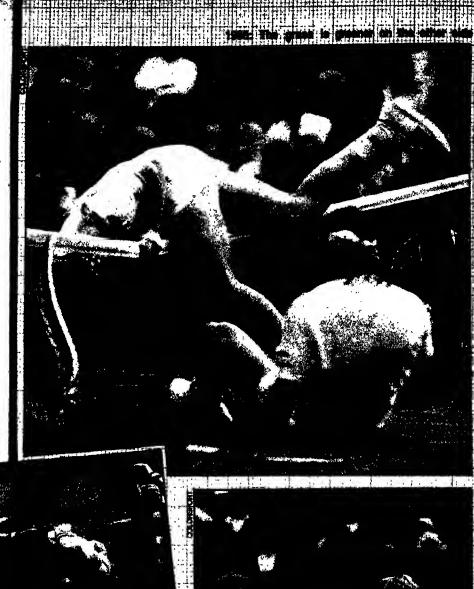
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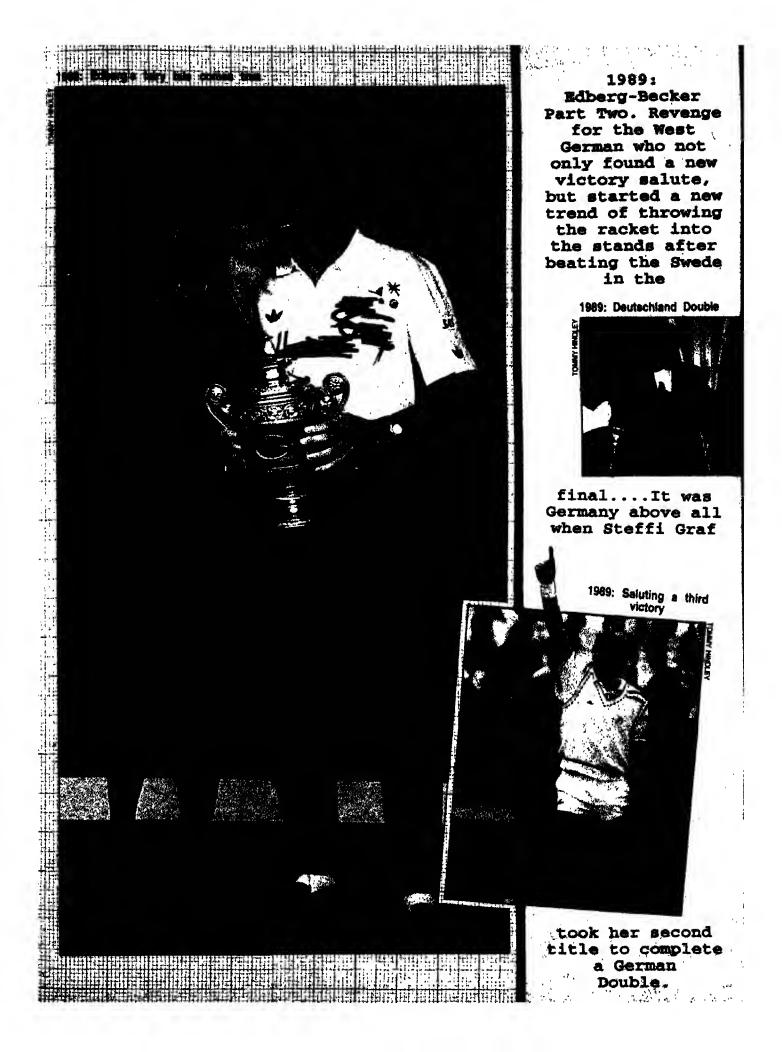
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Defending champion Pat Cash fell to Becker in 1988 and then began the Edberg-Becker rivalry at Wimbledon... Edberg got the better of Becker in the '88 final and Becker pleaded for a chance to touch the trophy he had won twice before....Since a girl by the name of Steffi Graf was grabbing all the headlines when it came to the women's tournament, Barbara Potter decided to get



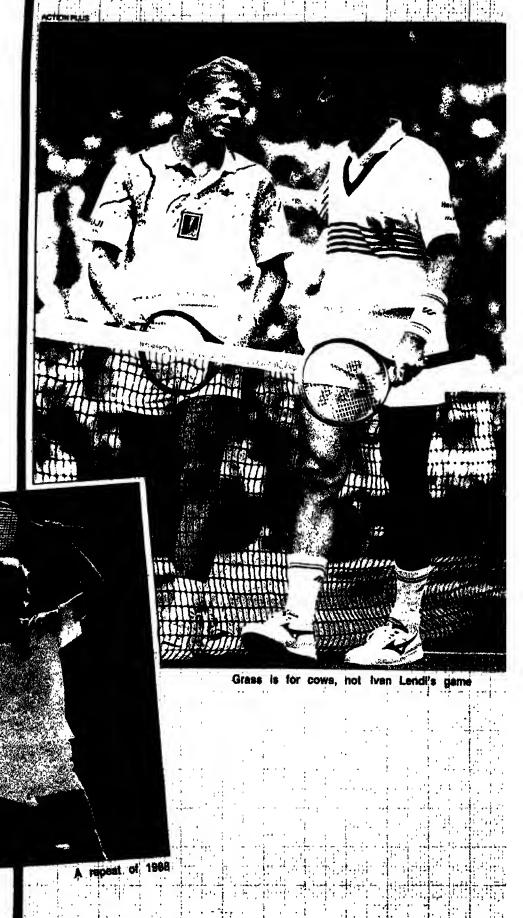
some of the limelight for herself by changing on Centre Court...

1968: You can't touch this



.. Edberg-Becker Part Three: .... But it was a year of obsessions...Ivan Lendl and Martina Navratilova came to Wimbledon desperate to win....For Lendl, nothing else mattered but winning his first Wimbledon title....Edberg put an end to that dream in the semi finals and then turned the tables on Becker in the final ....

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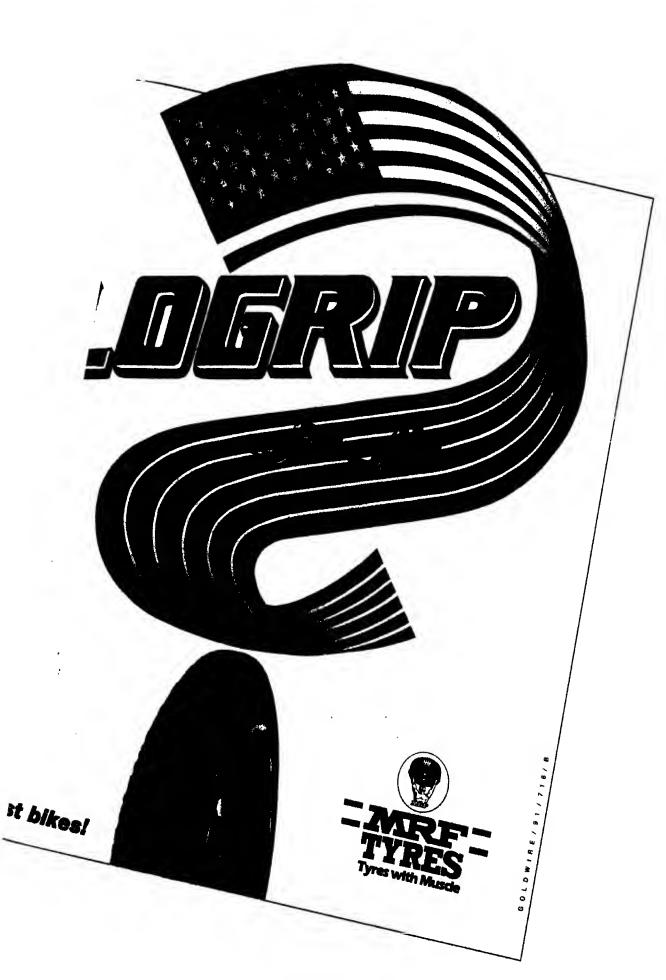
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## MOOD

O spectators, Wimbledon can seem like an angry

god's personal shower stall. To others, precipitation is the milk of human capitalism.

To me, the rain was mainly a pain. And for a long while on that third day of play last year, it appeared my ticket for Centre Court would become nothing but a wistful souvenir of an experience that wasn't.

But wait. Any day spent at Wimbledon is an experience. Certainly, I would rather have been watching tennis. But the inescapable fact—it rains here—suggests that a wet Wimbledon must be its own discreet world. I set out in search of it.

The tournament's first day was also the sixteenth consecutive sunny day in England. Drought-and governmental pleas to restrict water use-were the result, much to the chagrin of a waiter at my hotel. But all that changed by the second day, prompting him to say, "Every time Wimbledon comes around it rains, so Wimbledon saved our lives."

Tell it to the groundskeepers. What seems like the meekest drizzle sends them scurrying for the tarpaulin, grass being the most susceptible of all court surfaces to moisture. Humans are pretty susceptible, too: After giving my ticket to a raincoated gatekeeper early that afternoon, I joined the folks seeking shelter from the spitting sky.

I noshed on a "dutchee," or hot dog, under a purple-and-green umbrella at the fringe of the food and drink tent and wondered how long this rain delay would last. An English yuppie couple sharing my umbrella took advantage of the break, dispatching two bottles of champagne in the time it takes Steffi Graf to win a first-round match.

The sprinkle turned steadier, and some were caught-don't they know it rains here?—without an umbrella or a raincoat or, as one man modeled for a TV camera, a garbage bag. The lucky ones occupied seats under the tent and wouldn't have surrendered them to the queen. Others simply stood by, enviously eyeing those who were sitting.

Workers in the food tent had strong feelings about the relationship between rain and their jobs. "Yesterday was horrible," said one, who had already applied for a transfer to a less stressful post. So crowded had it been the day before that the only thing she could see was the steam rising from her soggy patrons.

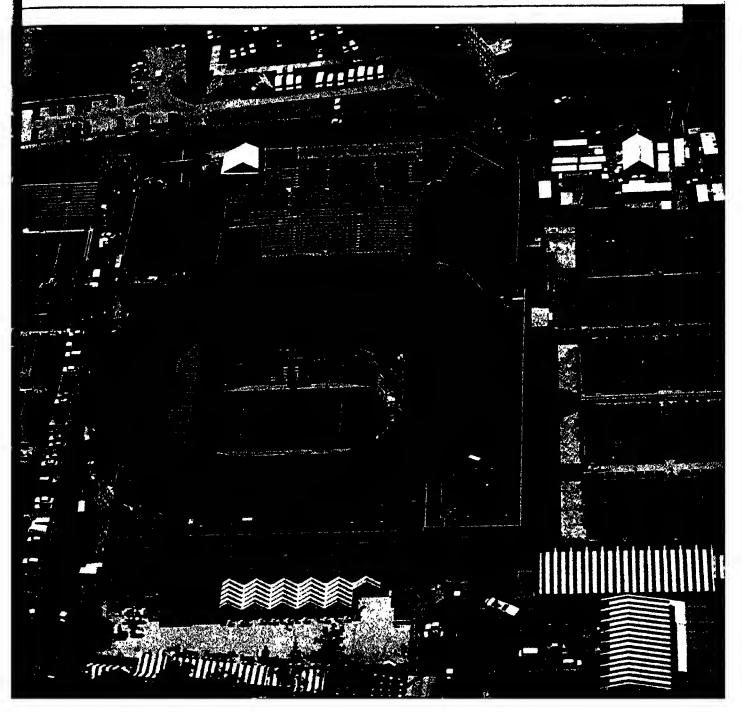
On rainy days, a barman chipped in, "They drink more and just sit there." Added another, "People are in a really bad temper if it's raining." For the Brits, a day at Wimbledon is a day off, and when it rains, "They take it out on the staff." "After yesterday," concluded yet another worker, "I've never prayed so much for the sun."

While some do a smashing business when showers hit, others suffer. A man selling ice cream from a portable stand said he and fellow ice cream vendors, who work on commission, made between £500 and £800 on the first day, the sunny one. But on the two rainy days that followed, earnings plummeted to £200 or £300. "We knew it was a bit of a gamble," he



By Leslie Robinson

# CALM BELOW THE STORM



admitted. "I gotta take the good with the bad. It's a bit annoying, but what can you do?"

I raided the candy stand and then headed for my seat, one of the coveted covered ones. Those already seated were watching the rain splash the tarp, which was raised at the middle of both ends so that air could pass through and dry the court. Eventually, those in the uncovered seats folded their colourful umbrellas and began clapping. They wanted tennis. Now. A voice announced that play would resume when it could be determined that the rain wouldn't start up again. The weather service couldn't help, it turned out, because the rain was so light it wasn't registering on radar. The crowd crackled in exasperation.

Finally, groundskeepers emerged and began to uncover the fabled greensward. The audience cheered their work. They then halled the appearance of the ball boys and officials, and at last the arrival of the players. A handful of military ushers rolled off another covering of no small import: the tarp over the Royal Box. It had done its job. The seats were dry enough for the royal derriere of Fergie, The Duchess

of York, as well as for the visiting backsides of Queen, Noor of Jordan and the Egyptian and South African ambassadors.

The sky never cleared but the rain stayed away, enabling Graf and Ivan Lendl to polish off a pair of pretenders. After his victory, Lendl said, "It was a little damp at first. They, call it mizzle over here. It was mizzling throughout the match." Never mind that a number of English said the word was new to them; mizzle was surely the reason Lendl dropped the first set to a 30-year-old insurance salesman from Sweden.

When rain forced him from the court to the locker room, Australian John Fitzgerald said he rode out the interruption by watching cricket on the BBC and listening to bad jokes. "There's not much you can do; you just have to wait and pass the time."

No champagne for him.

Boris Becker thought he knew what the press did on rainy days: blow his quotes out of proportion in order to sell papers. Becker, who fucled the British tabloids by criticizing the tournament facilities, said. "It was raining yesterday and nobody had anything





to write, so they had to make a big headline."

At least a couple of writers made big lead paragraphs by using the gloomy weather to frame Jimmy Connors' early dismissal from the fortnight. Black thunderheads are always good for purple prose: "The grey clouds shrouding Wimbledon yesterday served as a poignant epitaph for Jimmy Connors..."

The rain also seemed to waterlog a few brains. Harry Carpenter, the BBC's venerable Wimbledon host, declared, "We've had no more rain since it stopped raining."

The next day they had more rain, but the weiness was mainly confined to the morning, when there are no matches. I asked at the Wimbledon Museum

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Shop if they carried any waterproof clothing. A hooded jacket, the woman answered, for £28, or about \$43. But they had sold out that morning—the fourth day of the tournament.

Had they been able to restock they'd have made a mint, because it rained almost daily. Anyone who paid up to £700 to see the women's final on Saturday was out of luck. And so it goes at Wimbledon. There are no rain checks. (if you have tickets for Centre or Court No. 1, you are then given priority for that same day the following year.) Even if every match of the day is rained out, you don't get a refund and you don't get to come back tomorrow. You just get wet.

It would seem terribly logical, in the face of all these rain-induced pauses, to schedule matches in the morning as well as in the afternoon. But oh no. The tournament is run by members of the All England Lawn Tennis Club and they refuse to start things earlier for but one reason: lunch. They want to enjoy a leisurely repast before viewing, as the tickets carefully state, "such matches as may be played" that day. Meanwhile, the rest of us get indigestion worrying about whether the rain will hold off. Next to me sat an elderly Frenchman who had lived in England for more than a decade. Rain, he said, was part of the English way of life. He motioned around him. "If you look at the people, they are not indifferent. They don't smile, but they accept." After a rain delay of more than three hours, play resumed. And no one had left.

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PREDICTION

# THE BRAVEN

Paul Fein dweils on a new

world order in women's tennis and predicts the continued supremacy of an ageless queen: Martina Navratiova...



Martina Navratilova: formidable talent; (Inset) after winning her ninth Wimbledon title last year



# EW WORLD



HE new world order in women's tennis means exciting unpredictability rising stars and riveting matches As world No 5 Mary Joe Fernandez notes Before you went into a tournament and it was Who li play Graf in the finals? Before that it was who li play Martina in the finals? Now it's open Anybody can beat anybody on any given day It's great

The growing list of marquee players today features new and youngest ever No 1 Monica Seles erstwhile queen but now struggling Steffi Graf always formidable Martina Navratilova and gorgeous and improved Gabnela Sabatini Not far behind are much improved Jana Novotna consistent contender Fernandez tenacious competitor Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and teen sweetheart Jennifer Capriati

No matter where you come from in Europe Wimbledon is the tennis championship you honour above all others Navratilova wrote in her 1985 autobiography A year ago after winning her ninth Wimbledon title-to break the record she shared with Helen Wills Moody-Mighty Martina jubiliantly said This tops it all But even that cherished muth Wimby crown which ranks with Rod Laver's two singles Grand Slams as tennis most outstanding career feats didn't quench her thirst 1 think I ve got a 10th championship in me, she added I m going for double digits

If Navratilova could easily capture The Championships on two injured knees so painful that she was eating Advil candy in 1990 shell repeat convincingly on two healthy ones repaired by extensive arthroscopic surgery Revitalized at 34 she says. It slike I ve been de aged by 10 years I ve never been quite there like I

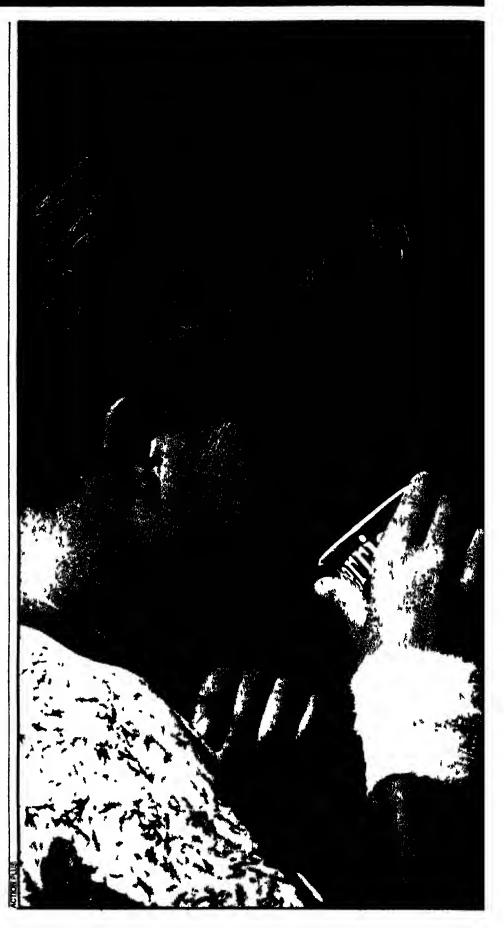
am now, mentally and emotionally

Furthermore, the best grass court player and most gifted athlete on the tour has been psyched up and inspired by charismatic Billie Jean King, her coach and the all time Wimbledon recordholder with 20 overall titles She says the shrewd and reassuring King has made me love the game again

Navratilova, ranked a misleading No 4, has added more pare to her volley, refined her groundstrokes and improved her sometimes petulant body language. It s still a quest for improvement and perfection. You're always working on something. And I m still learning how to play the game, she humbly says.

Should Navratilova somehow need any more incentive, she knows that two more famous all time records are within her range With 17 Big W titles, she could surpass King s mark especially if she and doubles partner Pam Shriver can regain their once nearly unbeatable form And Margaret Court's awesome 62 overall Grand Slam crowns are now only eight away With fluctuating form and the fact that the surface is grass makes the ladies event open Even some one like Jana Novotna can win As former queen and now TV commentator Chris Evert assesses She is more like Martina Navratilova than any other top player She has that classic serve and volley game She's aggressive Physically, she's very strong She's had to work on the mental part, and I see unbelievable improvements in her thinking on the court and how she handles pressure in playing the top players now

Novotna 22, handled it superbly at the 1991 Australian Open where she ambushed Graf 5 7, 6-4 8 6, routed Sanchez Vicario 6-1, 6 3 and then bowed 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 to Seles in a well played final A doubles star with eight Grand Slam titles already, she credits fellow Czech Monica Seles: youngest-ever Number One



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# A New Nelson In Martina's Life



Judy Nelson

ARTINA NAVRATILO-VA is bent on winning a 10th Wimbledon title, but has been distracted by a lawsuit filed by her former companion of seven years, 45-year-old Judy Nelson.

She left her husband and two children to move in with the Czech-born player, has filed a £10 million lawsuit after Martina left her this year for 35-year-old Olympic skier Cindy Nelson (yes, even she is Nelson)

Mrs. Judy Nelson apparently turned down a six figure cash and property offer and is attempting to claim half of Martina's £20 million fortune

It seems Mrs. Nelson and Martina signed a partnership agreement in 1985 entitling the former to half the latter's money, but Martina says she didn't understand what she was

signing five years ago when she and Mrs Nelson were videotap ed exchanging vows.

Ms. Navratilova has been short and sharp with reporters asking questions about this situation and firmly said, "My lawyer told me not to answer non-tennis question"

Although she is ready for a legal showdown, Martina accused Mrs. Nelson of timing the lawsuit to coincide with her run up to Wimbledon. In an American TV programme she also said. "Judy and I had a very good relationship-seven years-and now it all seems to come down to greed I not only took care of Judy but I looked after her family too, provided help to her parents and kids, flew people all over the place to tournaments and on vacations. That wasn't enough I guess"

Hana Mandlikova, her coach for the past year, for "most" of her recent improvement. Novotna, who has one of the tour's best volleys and forehands, dropped 24 pounds and calmed her volatile temperament

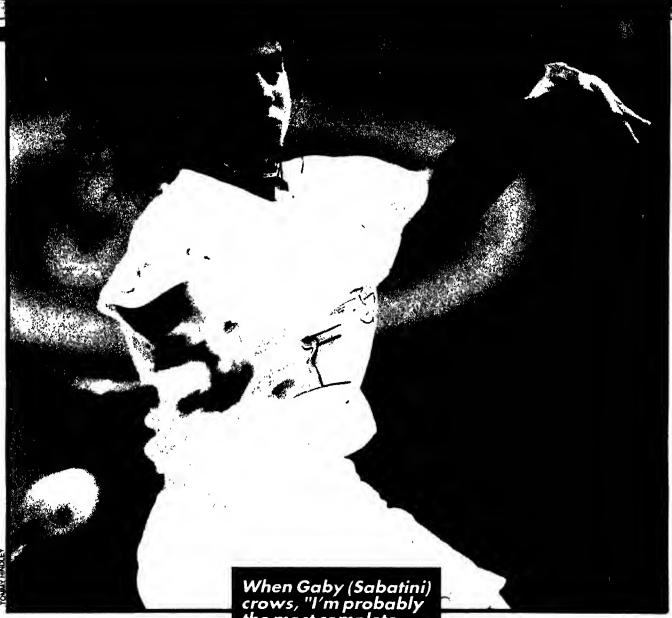
But what about the game's current Top 3, Seles, Graf and Sabatini, you ask?

Seles, the 1990 and 91 French champion, captured her first Australian Open and second Lipton International this year and thus proved she can win on surfaces faster than clay She certainly boasts the top forehand backhand one two punch combination in tennis today and maybe ever The precocious Yugoslav is also a relentless fighter Above all she has a fantastically strong mind says Peter Terry consultant sports psychologist to the British Lawn Tennis Association She has the ability to hit her best shots when the pressure is most intense

On the other hand Seles is the least impressive athlete among the contenders and is loaded with weaknesses. She candidly admits. My serve is really very bad I can win a lot more matches if I could serve and volley better. And I don't know how to lob. I can only do two pushings and I m supposed to be a big sportswoman. She could wind up with a Lendl like record of frustration at Wimbledon.

After a year that saw her distraught over a family scandal, injured in a skiing accident and hampered by recurring respiratory ailments- It was a mess -Graf has failed to rebound strongly in 1991 She was eliminated in the Australian quarterfinals marking the fourth straight Grand Slam tourney that the once invincible German had failed to win She lost the next three tournaments all to Sabatini, before finally taking a confidence-building 6-4, 6-3, final over Seles in San Antonio

Healthy again, Graf says, I am starting to like my life and tennis a lot. But regaining her Grand Slam domination of 1988 won't be easy because her chief rivals have all improved. Second, while



observers criticize her vulnerable slice backhand, her decline has been caused more by her forehand which used to produce a stream of spectacular winners but now is less aggressive and more erratic. Still, she determinedly says. "I expect to be back on top." She may well do it, but not at this Wimbledon.

If tennis had a "coach of the year" award, Carlos Kirmayr deserved it in 1990 for helping Sabatini win her first Grand Slam event, the U.S. Open, and turning her career around. He skillfully changed her stagnating, looping baseline game into a dynamic netrushing, multi-dimensional offensive that unleashed her graceful athleticism. When Gaby crows, "I'm probably the most

crows, "I'm probably the most complete player", she's probably right. Her problem though is her ultra-long groundstroke backswings simply won't be able to handle the slick grass court bounces

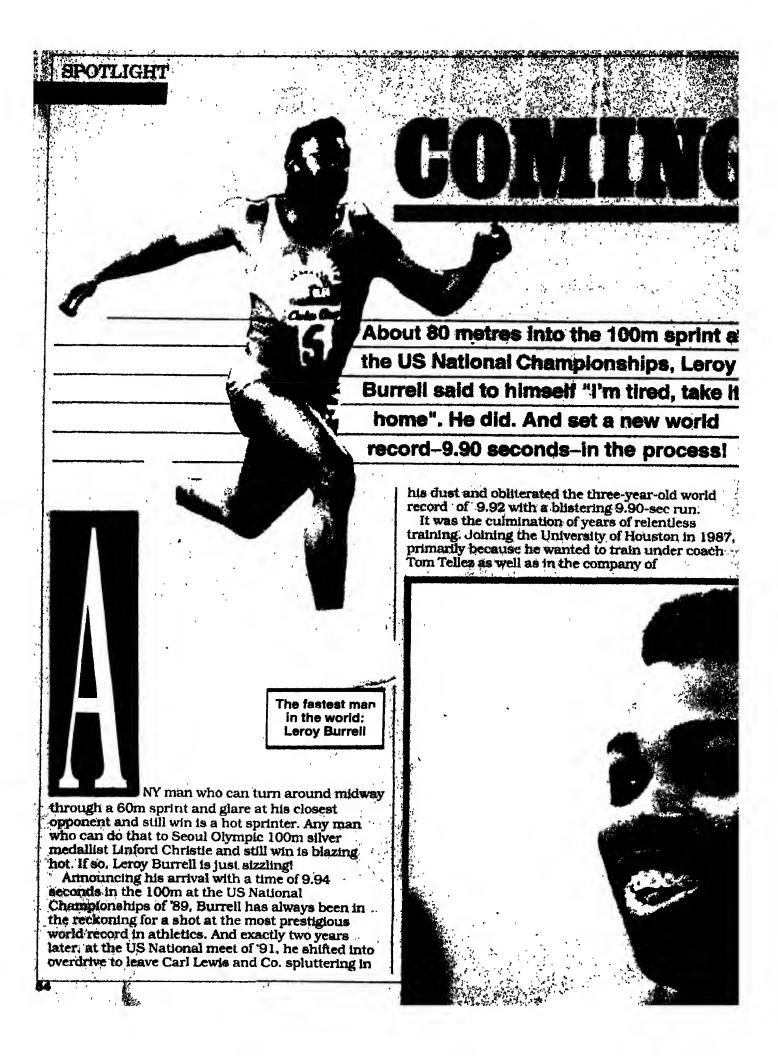
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Her problem though is, her ultra-long groundstroke backswings simply won't be able to handle the slick, unpredictable grass court bounces, especially on service returns and passing shots.

You can also count out No. 8

ranked Zina Garrison, the surprise 1990 Big W finalist. She's quick, athletic and has compact grass court strokes, but she's too small (5'4") and lacks a big weapon. Fernandez and Sanchez Vicario likewise lack the requisite knockout punch, while 15-year-old Capriati is shaky at net and far too inexperienced.

The best bets to notch major upsets are No. 31 ranked Meredith McGrath, a superb-volleying American; No. 53 Natalia Medvedeva, a sturdy Soviet much more successful in doubles; hard-hitting American Mary Pierce, only 16 and a deceptive No. 92; veteran Ross Fairbank-Nidesfer No. 33; and No. 25 Lori McNeil, a talented under achiever who is on the rise again.



fellow-student Carl Lewis, Burrell immediately set about picking up the finer aspects of sprinting from these two big names. But a leg injury which kept him off the track for almost a year put paid to his chances of making it to Secul as part of the US Olympic contingent in '88.

Refusing to let that slow him down, Burrell kept training, eventually serving notice of his enormous potential with the 9.94 timing in 89. But it has been this year that he really hit the heatilines. Starting off with the 60m world record this February. Burrell has always kept himself on the brink of superstandom by consistently notching up impressive times in the 100s. And then came the just reward: 9.90!

If the 60m world record took some getting-Burrell's initial timing of 6.41 was disallowed because of a flier (where he actually beat the starter's gun but did it with such alacrity that the officials didn't call it a false start) but he asked

With fame come the trimmings of society. Burrell aports braces on his teeth at this late age



them to re-run the event half an hour later and still took 0.02 seconds off Lee McRae's previous record of 6.50 secs—the 100m was almost an anticlimax. So suddenly did it occur that Burrell later felt as though someone had pushed the fast forward button. "I cleared the blocks, and then I was at 80 metres," said the beaming sprinter after his record-breaking run. "I just left the blocks so well. It was almost like someone pushed fast forward. I just remember saying at about 80 metres."

Take it home, he did. With so much style that the piping hot favourite Carl Lewis could do nothing about it. Getting off to a start that horror stories are made off, Lewis displayed his customary mid-race acceleration—he calls it "non-deceleration"—but couldn't catch the flying Burrell. Lewis' time of 9.93 was a mere hundredth of a second outside his previous world's best; but it was still poor enough to leave him the second best sprinter in the US. And the former world record holder.

Ever the admirer of six-time Olympic gold medallist Carl Lewis, Burrell admitted later that the bad start ruined Lewis' chances. Refusing to let the athletics fraternity tag him as the world's best sprinter over his Santa Monica teammate. Burrell said "If he (Lewis) had gotten any kind of start, he might have run 9.86". In other words, doffing his hat at the time Lewis did eventually clock despite the horrendous start.

But that doesn't mean Leroy Burrell isn't gunning for Lewis' mantle of sprint-jump supremo eventually. Having indelibly stamped the sprints with his name; the 24-year-old Burrell also has his sights trained on the long jump pit, where Lewis has almost established a monopoly. A combination of isometric exercise and strenuous drills have made Burrell's legs much stronger and as he puts it "it has made me much more explosive".

In fact, explosive is about the word that describes sprinting's latest hot rod. Explosive off the blocks. Explosive midway into the race. Explosive into the tape. He's even planning on being explosive off the board at the long jump pit. Only problem is: he's been blessed with a pretty explosive temper too. Like the time he glared contemptously at Christie while running his backside off. The two eventually almost got physical after the race. And all because Christie had claimed that he had misjudged a 60m race in which Burrell had beaten him in a week earlier. So interest was Burrell on proving to Christie that he was the better sprinter that he took time off from his running to cast his evil eye on the Englishman. Christie obviously didn't enjoy it.

We don't know how much Lewis enjoyed this latest defeat. We also don't know how much the relivenated Ben Johnson is enjoying having all the thinder stolen by a young man from Pennsylvania. What we do know is that there's going to be sparks flying when all these speed kings come together at the World Championships in Tokyo this August.

Can Burrell handle the heat?

THE TAX STATE OF STAT

OME people are born great, others achieve greatness. Sergei Bubka is It was sometime around one in the morning when Sergel Bubka tossed the last of the winner's garlands out to the baying crowd, packed his poles and purposefully strode out of Seville's Cartuja stadium towards the locker rooms and into the mist created by the rapidly chilling Andalusian air.

There was something very wrong about this just concluded meet. Bubka had failed to create yet another world record. A record which would have been the twenty-sixth of his career. But as always, the supreme high-flyer of athletics had provided the public with yet another spectacular 'show'.

Once inside the relative privacy of his car (celebritles of his stature are never left alone) Bubka gave a perceptible sigh. A pole vault which began late on Thursday night and ended early on Friday morning, was, almost certainly going to mark his last

Gotcha! Another record bites the dust and Bubka lets out a triumphant yell



appearance as the most famous sporting resident of the Soviet Union. Bubka had decided to leave his homeland to avail of the opportunities abroad. The 'cosmonaut' had decided to move west, taking with him his wife, two sons, older brother and a couple of coaches to live with him in France. This move by him seems to have been premeditated. Observers following the Bubka success story opined that it was not so much a defection as a disaffection for his country and its economic policies.

"It is very sad," Bubka mumbled, "but the political situation in Russia is not good. Many things, especially the internal problems, make it too difficult

for me to go on living there."

These are not the emotions of a man who is

Bubka himself admits that by Soviet standards, he is rich, easily a dollar millionaire. He is also vain and can well afford to be. Like when he bought a new Volga car, he used his influence to get a 06-00 number plate. Six metres is still a dream for the other vaulters. Bubka's personal best at that time was 6.06

disgusted with his country's policies. These are the emotions of one of the country's most financially astute athlete-runiour has it that he is known to negotiate a pay rise between vaults-who does not deny that he has benefited from perestroika. But perestroika and the subsequent red carpet which the Soviets laid out for him soon became threadbare. "Yes, of course I supported the changes made by Gorbachev. Most of us did. I suppose we expected miracles but these have not happened. Now I must go to the West if I am to remain the best in the world."

Never before have European countries vied so much with each other to simplify a rule in their immigration book. Berlin kept their fingers crossed and so did a lot of its European neighbours. But it was Saint Die, a small village in the Vosges mountains of eastern France that prevailed. Its cuisine and hospitality was also one of the factors that took Bubka's fancy. Bubka will, however, continue to retain his Soviet citizenship. "Maybe one day I will go back when the situation is better. My



Soaring gracefully over the bar. The flight of a master



In his business
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heart is heavy at having to leave my friends in the Ukraine. But it was obvious that he had no choice.

Back in the USSR, even he-with the many privileges accorded to him by the government-could not even get the food he needed. Fruits are his passion but it was hard for him to find even an edible apple back home.

Patriotism was one thing but for the 27-year-old pole vaulter his athletics career was even more important. For eight years now he has been what they call the 'astronaut' of athletics: an unbeatable champion whose main job is to shatter old and create new pole vault records both indoors and outdoors.

A world champion as a teenager in Helsinki in 1983, when he was a third string member of the Soviet team, he has dominated his discipline ever since. His athletics bio-data is unrivalled: 26 world records. Olympic champion in 1988, world indoor champion three times and outdoors twice, European champion in 1986. He has won every major championship he has entered in, save last year's European championship, when he was nursing an injury. Small wonder that the guy rules from a height from where most other vaulters would suffer from vertigo.

1991 has seen him more dominant than ever, totalling four world indoor records (bringing his total to 15) and two outdoor records (his eleventh) and the

Never before have European countries vied so much with each other to simplify a rule in their immigration book. Berlin kept their fingers crossed and so did a lot of its European neighbours. But it was Saint Die, a small village in the Vosges mountains of eastern France that took Bubka's fancy

first 20 feet vault which the sporting fraternity equates with the sub-four minute mile. His outdoor record of 6.07 metres set in Shizuoha, Japan, last month is five centimetres short of the latest indoor record he set in March. The 20 feet outdoor record is now well within his grasp.

What could be the secret that has helped propel him so many times into the ozone? How much higher can he go? The secret is in the UCS/Spirit poles that are made for him in the USA. Seeing his constant record-breaking feats, the company's farsighted president, Stephen A. Chappell had offered him 'pacers'. Pucers are special poles, real catapults and Bubka is the only vaulter who can use that kind of gear. The reason is two fold: one is his rare courage, the other is the fact that he has the highest grip in the world (5.15-5.20 mts). His immense muscular power enables him to bend the pole almost in two. It is a technique which is based on the suppleness of a



(Top): It is hard to believe that Bubka would negotiate pay rises in between vaults





gymnast and the run-up of a 10.2 second athlete.

But it is his records and not his technique that have helped make him into an immensely marketable product. "He's some special athlete," says British promoter Andy Norman. Norman found to his surprise three years ago, that Comrade Bubka was a man he could share his business interests with—at a price. "He's always put a high value on his ability," said Norman of Bubka. "Once when we were negotiating for him to appear at Crystal Palace and he asked for something like \$40.000, I told him, "Sergei, I just want you to compete. I don't want to buy the Soviet Union."



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Bubka himself admits that by Soviet standards, he is rich, easily a dollar millionaire. He is also vain and can well afford to be. Like when he bought a new Volga car, he used his influence to get a 06-00 number plate. Six metres is still a dream for the other vaulters. Bubka's personal best at that time was 6.06. These qualifications alone enable him to be the most affluent Soviet emigre since Nureyev. His English is chic and his Slavic charm is laced with a certain wit which, like his designer shirts and expensive cologne, was not acquired in the bread queues of Moscow. In fact, he was a commercial success even before the word perestroika had become a gleam in Gorbachev's eye.

His astute marketing tactics of himself has led some companies to theorise that Bubka is now so far above the rest, that he can elevate the world record, certainly by half a foot, anytime he likes. But, he prefers to pull in the dollars—or regular bonuses—by nudging it up centimetre by centimetre. A surprised Bubka reacts to the allegations by laughing it off. "Before every competition, I am prepared for the record. It depends on many things, but it is never for the money."

As if to justify this statement he blamed the breeze for the absence of a world record in Seville. This was the same city where, two months ago, he kept journalists waiting for hours during the world championships. The competition was three hours and ten minutes old when he came in on cue and took the gold medal with a majestic six meire vault.

in his discipline Bubka competes with himself. For him the records never stop tumbling as his latest effort of 6.08 metres at a Moscow Grand Prix this month will testify. All this talent leads one to assume whether Sergei Bubka is just plain lucky.

Affirmations to this theory are strong. It was at Seville itself, when after wining his event Bubka proceeded to launch a slow attack on the world record. As the hours passed by, he was oblivious to the discomfiliure of the spectators and the newsmen gathered there. As the scribes, unable to take it any longer, glanced at their watches, Norman passed by and quipped, "He's not going to do it here. He's getting \$30,000 to break it in San Sebastian." By some strange quirk of fate—or sheer luck as we choose to believe—Bubka did break the record in San Sebastian. Luck be damned. Plan smart.

William Rhodes

**Black Label Bangalore Colts Trial** 

# DANCING IN THE SHADOWS...

HEN you name a colt

Classic Conquest he has quite a lot to live up to because Classic Conquest is a full brother to Exhilaration, one of the best thoroughbreds that ever graced the Indian turf in recent times. This means that he has to be truly exceptional to emerge from the shadow of his illustrious brother. In other words it's going to be a long and hard climb to stardom where just being good, is simply not good enough.

With that sort of a task ahead of him Classic Conquest seems to have begun on the right foot. Trained by Imtiaz Sait, and ridden by Pesi Shroff, the Bombay-based colt won the Black Label Bangalore Colts Trial easily enough and that too when making only his second appearance in a race. The lack of experience was made up for inadequate measure by remarkable ability.

Owned by Vijay Mallya, Mr and Mrs Zavaray S. Poonawalla ...of his full brother Exhilaration, Classic Conquest, although
he has won the Colts Trial has yet to prove himself

Classic Conquest gave trainer Sait, jockey Shroff and the owners a classic double as they had earlier won the UB Export Fillies Trial a week before. The only difference was that this

time the owners
managed to be in
Bangalore. The prior
week's inclement
weather had kept them
from making the trip to
the Garden City from
Bombay where they were

marooned because ol torrential rains.

Sunday, June 16. dawned bright and sunny and the intermittent rain that had been plaguing Bangalore finally



decided to lay off. A field of seven colts lined up to face the starter at the 1600m marker and once again they represented a cross section of almost every racing centre in India. From Bombay came the strongest challenge made up of Classic Conquest, Ponta Delgado and Midnight Run. From Calcutta came Sentouki, From

Madras, Royal Verse and Admiralty while the host centre Bangalore looked forlorn and weak with Sea Gold as its only representative. Hyderabad was the only place not represented.

From the betting.
Classic Conquest was expected to win, as was evident from the fact that he was even money favourite, but there was

betting as well. Bar these three however, you could virtually write your own card if you wanted to back any of the remaining four runners. They did not seem to be in the hunt and the only catch in being allowed to write your own card was that after you wrote it. you could safely write out the cheque in favour of the bookmaker who so magnanimously made the offer. The chances of any of them coming out on top looked about as remote as an Indian winning the 100s at Barcelona next year.

Breaking evenly from the gates, Shroff on Classic Conquest had a bit of a tough time trying to get his mount to settle down. The pace was a bit slow initially and Conquest was fighting for his head in the first couple of furlongs. People put it down to lack of experience and with a

That and the hope that Ponta Delgado or Midnight Run, both of whom had won so well earlier in the season, would be right there at the busy end. Their hopes turned out to be unfounded.

Turning for home,
Ponta Delgado led the
field into the straight,
but the distress signals
were already visible and
Classic Conquest looked
like he was out on a
morning gallop. Shroff
had not even moved on
him and the question
seemed how far he would
win when Shroff decided
to press the button.

He asked him for his effort 400m out and Classic Conquest zipped past Delgado in two strides, but when he did go clear he seemed to either not want to go further or else he did not have the ability to go further. Difficult to say for any one watching the race and with Midnight Run coming in with a useful run in the closing stages of the race the lead that Conquest had established was cut down rapidly.

At the wire, Conquest was 23/4 lengths the good of Midnight Run when at one stage he must have been at least five lengths clear. That meant that Conquest had precious little left and Shroff certainly did not ease the colt up. He rode him out and gave him more than just a few across his rump, but it did not look like he could have pulled very much more out. He won because of the lightning turn of foot he displayed when asked to quicken and at the end he was not going away at all.

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a good deal of betting on his stablemate, Ponta Delgado who had come into the colts as a final entry. This meant that his connections had forked out close to Rs. 25,000 to enter him for the race and that itself said that he was very highly thought of. Midnight Run too was supposedly in with a great chance and he was well supported in the

lesser horse it would have been his undoing. But Shroff managed to get the message across to Classic Conquest and the colt dropped in behind the front runners soon enough.

The lack of the experience coupled with the fact that he was short of a race run were the points that the bookmakers seemed to be pinning their faith on.

# SPORTING TO SPORTI

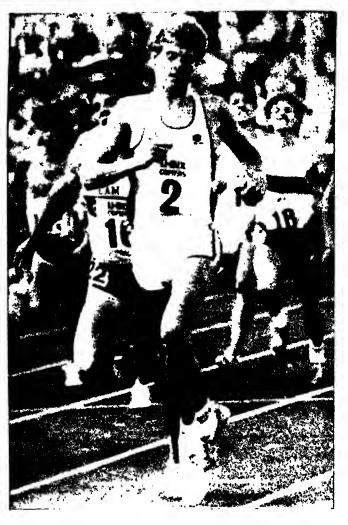
#### A MATTER OF TASTE

OOTBALLERS.
like boxers, have a curious affinity for cars. And by cars we don't mean just ordinary run of the mill stuff, here we are talking about the top of the line.

Maradona had good taste in cars, but financial crisis has forced him to sell his fleet of cars, including the Ferrari F40 most exclusive cars.

According to most of them, as their fleet increases, so does their prestige and glamour. But for Diego Maradona, this concept has backfired. His financial conditions have forced him to off-load, i.e. sell-off his famous line or motors. So, up for sale are two Ferraris, one Rolls-Royce and a modest BMW runabout. And the pride of Maradona as well-a Ferrari F40. Any takers?





#### **BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN**

MAGINE telling the world record holder in the mile that he's got to relearn the art of running! That's what Chicago based podiatrist (specialising in problems with the feet), John Durkin told Steve Cram.

John Durkin had helped Sebastian Coe to his second 1,500m Olympic title. And now feels that Steve Cram should pay attention if he wants to win that elusive Olympic gold medal. Cram who has been plagued with injuries, was told to miss the United Kingdom Championships at Cardiff, Wales because of another knee problem.

#### Steve Cram has to relearn how to run if he wants to win that elusive Olympic gold medai

According to Durkin,
"Either no one has
addressed the problem
or identified it, or they
don't want to tamper
with his running style
because of his
performance level."

Looks like it's back to school again for Cram!

#### **MONEY MAKERS**

WITH 13 months left for the Olympics at Barcelona, the main street is thronging with shops selling Olympic souvenirs. So what, you may ask. But what



is surprising is that most of these shops lining both sides of Las Ramblas are owned by Indians.

It has been said that you can find an Indian anywhere in the world, but to find them doing business in Barcelona seemed a little far fetched. But you have to give the Indians credit for one thing; snarp business sense. As one Jaipur-born shopkeeper said, "We are here to make a buck or two."

So what if India fails to win a gold medal at the Olympics, visitors from India will be welcomed with the familiar, "Aap ko kya chaihay," in a foreign land.

#### **BAOMINTON ACADEMY**

With tennis
academies
sprouting up all over the
world, the Malaysians
have come up with a
different concept which
makes their academy
the first of its kind.

A private school is being set up in Kuala Lumpur called, Akademi Badminton. Out of the 1,500 seats available, 300 are set aside for young potential world class players.

Apart from general education the academy will "nurture children in the game by providing proper training and guidance," says Elyas Omar, president of the Badminton Association of Maiaysia (BAM).

Refired world
champion, Yang Yang of
China has been
recruited as one of the
coaches. The others who

have been sounded out are Morten Frost and Icuk Suglarto.

This step, to open up an academy of this kind, is because of the rising concern of the dearth of youngsters coming up to replace the veteran. Malaysia has always maintained a very high standard in the sport and the sudden decline has resulted in an immediate step by BAM backed by the government.

Maybe the Indians can take a tip from these enterprising guys.

#### **TERROR IN SPORT**

WE have always been under the impression-however wrong-that sport is cut off from the sorrows of real life. Alas, it is not so. Here's a truly horrific tale from Peru.

It happened at the Deportivo Municipal Club, which is managed by Ramon Quiroga. It was this man who let in six goals against Argentina in the '78 World Cup, thereby allowing the favourites to reach the final on goal difference.

Since that fateful day in '78, sorrowhas followed Quiroga relentlessly. The latest being the discovery of three egg-shaped objects on the field. On examinationone exploded, killing one of Ramon's players and injuring a few others. Terrorism has long been a fact of life in Peru. Now, sadly\_it has also crept into sport.

#### ROUNDUP

#### CALCUTTA

## State Age-Group Swimming

THE Bengal Amateur Swimming Association (BASA) organised the State Age-Group Championships which ended at the College Square pool recently. This championship exposed the fact that the district swimmers have made good progress while their urban counterparts are yet to show any noteworthy improvement.

The rural swimmers specially 15-year-old Sarbani Chatterjee, eight-year-old, Jaydeb Samanta (Hooghly) and Kanak Biswas of North 24 Parganas were the most impressive.

Gargi Datta stole the honours on the final day with records in the 400m individual medley and the 50m freestyle. But her efforts were still not enough to beat Sarbani for the individual honours in her group.

Urmila Chhetri, the 14-year-old from Bally, had her share of success in the meet with at least five State records and ten gold medals. But despite that, one wondered whether Urmila has really improv-

Winners of the State Age-Group Aquatics: (From Left) Gargi Dutta, Purnima Pai Sreeja Majumdar, Kanak Biswas, and Urmiia Chettri ed over the years.

Urmila has in fact turned out to be a better medley swimmer and her State mark in the 200m was one of the better races of the championships. Urmila's 2:45.81 seconds in the event wiped off Bula Chowdhury's 1984 record timing of 2:48.8 seconds.

Urmila's teammate Sumita Parui was another district lass who impressed with her fine run in Group 'Ill' events. With six gold medals, Sumita tapped her group with 36 points. Sumita hails from a poor background and does not even have a proper swimming pool to train in, but still she managed a creditable performance.

Sarbani Chatterjee of Howrah who created quite a wave (inset)





Sarbani's record in the 400m and 800m freestyles, made her some sort of a specialist in the frontcrawl. Strangely, Sarbani's favourite event is the butierfly.

Jaydeb Samanta, who trains in a muddy pool in Kolaghat, hoisted three State marks and stole the individual honours in his group.

Although 18 new records were set, Bengal's overall standard was not very encouraging. With the Sub-Junior Nationals coming up in Panaji early next month, BASA is already thinking in terms of sending fewer entries and avoiding "passengers" on the squad.

Soumitra Bose

#### Tennis Coaching Camp

THE ITC Tennis Coaching Camp, a two-week affair, conducted by the Davis Cup coach Akhtar Ali concluded recently in the city. Conducted on 10 courts at the South Club it was teeming with youngsters eager to improve their games under the eagle eye of Akhtar Ali and the ten assistant coaches appointed by him. This enabled the coaches to give individual attention to the students.

All 45 youngsters from all over the country-there were even a couple of foreigners-were chosen either on the basis of rankings or on the basis of talent shown by them. The camp itself was conducted on a very professional level, with





a lot of importance placed on discipline. No parents were allowed on the courts and punctuality was a strict rule.

Specialists from the SAI were also there at the camp to give classes on weight training and on first aid techniques. Lectures were also given by Dushan Deb of the AITG and by B.G. Mushtafi on the rules of the game. Finally, each game was analysed by both players themselves and then the coaches, hence the players were able to hone their talents and their match mentality, and reflect on their shortcomings.

Zeeshan Ali, training for his assault on world tennis also provided some mental boost for the youngsters who were too thrilled to be playing with the tennis star.

On conclusion of the camp all the participants were given certificates by B.P. Verma, the Collector, Excise and Customs. Overwhelmed by the response of this camp, Akhtar Ali now plans to hold similar camps in other parts of the country. Hopeful of getting sponsors for this venture he feels that this is the only way that talent could be spotted and nurtured in the country.

K.O. Jacob



PUMA A.G., GERMANY, the second largest sports shoe manufacturing company in Ger-



S. Ramachandran, vice president Carona Ltd., displaying the Disc shoe at Bombay

disc, when pressed, opens the shoe and allows it to be taken off.

According to Mr. S.
Ramachandran, vice-president of
Puma Carona, the new shoe was
put to test on a run of over 75,000
km by 250 sports personalities
including Linford Christie, Europe's fastest runner. Puma's new
disc shoe is priced at US \$160
(approx Rs.3,200)

Mr Hans Gassdorf of Puma AG Germany, who was in Bombay last week said that this shoe was a real high-tech product and that the innovation was 'fantastic'! K.A. Viswanathan

#### SHILLONG

#### Wills Open Golf

BASAD ALI was the winner of the fourth Meghalaya Wills
Open Golf championships. He had a nett score of 292 and received a



many, will soon be introducing a totally new concept in sports shoe manufacturing. In the search to provide maximum comfort to sportsmen. Puma has introduced a rotating disc that would replace the laces on sports shoes.

The disc pulls nylon strings to tighten the shoe uppers round the foot. A button at the centre of the

#### Basad All (centre) was the winner of the Meghalaya Willa Open golf championahips

winner's cheque of Rs. 13, 185. On the amateur side, Lt-Col. S.K. Ghose and Refique were the winners. The Minister for Tourism, Mr. H. Lyngdoh gave away the prizes on the final day.

**Benoy Sen** 



Youngsters strengthen their legs by running up sand dunes

HIS week we are breaking away from the normal instructional mode to review the All India Summer Camp conducted by the Kyokushinkaikan Karate Headquarters. Held on the wind-swept beaches of Digha, almost 100 karatekas from Assam. Bihar, Kerala, Delhi, North Bengal, Tripura and West Bengal honed their skills. Among them were 11 black belts, 13 children and 19 girls.

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The highlight of this camp was the commendable effort put in by the oldest kyokushinkaikan karateka in the country, Somenath Chandra. The 38-year-old tried out-and won-the coveted black belt during the six day camp held ir

early June.

By Shivaji Ganguly Kyokushinkaikan karate

The black belts perfect their kata techniques

# KARATE

THE POWER OF THE EMPTY HAND

The participants of the camp pose for the camera





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#### BAGGIO'S FORM OF HUNTING

#### A hare-brained activity

E kind of had the feeling that footballers were dumb, but hare-brained? We had no inkling they possessed this characteristic. One gentleman going by the name of Roberto Baggio, who plays his soccer in Italy. certainly fits into this description and he's paying for it.

Baggio is facing a hefty fine after being caught for illegally hunting hares overnight. Night time hunting using lights is forbidden in Italy, and Baggio, who fancies himself to some kind of marksman—though goals from him in the league are at a premium— was caught doing just that. Police swooped in after a tip off from a farmer, who spotted Baggio and his pop-in-law, in their off-road vehicle in a Woodland near the players hometown of Caldogno, hunting hares with lights. The obvious question is: is Baggio harebrained? Now, now even Madonna wouldn't approve of that.



#### FLOODING THE MARKET

#### What's in a shoe?

HEY say that a shoe washing up on shore is considered a bad omen. Yeah guys, but that was in the good ol' days. You see, the beachcombers right from Oregon to Canada haven't been seeing it that way.

During the past several weeks, they have been reaping an unusual harvest: thousands of Nike athletic shoes. The sea-soaked but still footworthy shoes had been missing for over a year, ever since a ferocious storm washed an estimated 40,000 pairs off the deck of a container ship bound from South Korea to Seattle. Nike & Co. based in Beaverton, Oregon is taking the stance of finders keepers rather lightly. But who knows, it might be just another promotional gimmick by them in order to flood the market.



#### WINNING A SPORT

#### All bull

OOKS as though trophies and medals are becoming an anachronism now. There is no other conclusion that we can arrive at, when we see what Malaysia's agriculture ministry is offering as first prize for a golf tournament.

These guys are offering livestock as prizes in a golf iournament in which the country's deputy prime minister Mr. Ghafar Baba is himself a competitor. The champion will receive a cow instead of prize money. Sheep for the second and third place winners and rabbits for fourth and fifth place are also floating around.

A player who scores a hole-in-one will receive more than a horse: he will also get a four wheel drive vehicle-now that's snazzy. The tournament's wooden spoonist will, however, receive 18 chickens eggs. It is hoped that this unique tournament would bring players of this ellte game closer to the field of agriculture in Malaysia.

What price a gold medal in Barcelona? A bull, perhaps.

#### AKBAR EBRAHIM

# SPEED FREAK

HERE is little doubt that Akbar Ebrahim is the most exciting prospect in motor racing circles in the country today. If his exploits around the national circuit over the past two years are indications enough of his growing stature, then his notable performances in England recently are an indication that his best is yet to come.

The 27-year-old Akbar, managing director of a private electronic firm in Madras is known for his skilful and fearless driving around various circuits in India. And his recent showing in the UK proved that Indian drivers and riders given the right opportunities could perform creditably in the face of sterner competition abroad.

Akbar's trip was sponsored by AMT Motor Racing of UK. The London based company is into motor racing in a big way, and when one of its employees, Gary Ayles came to Sriperambudur last year for The All India Race Meet, he met Akbar and so impressed was he with Akbar's dare devilry around the track that Ayles invited him to England.

"I was initially apprehensive" Akbar told Sportsworld in Madras this month. "I was sure the standard would be very high, and then I was not sure of the car I would drive and the events I would take part. Here I must say that S. Karivardhan and Vicky Chandhok were a great help. They helped me to make up my mind from the various options open to me".

So Akbar took the plunge and was off io ihe UK on a trip that lasted for about 20 days. He had to undergo two tests at Snetterton and one test at Malory Park and was then allowed to participate in two races at the famous Brands Hatch Course.

"It was a great experience" said Akbar. It certainly was a notable performance the young driver from Madras who surprised



the Britishers by the confident way he handled the Ford Formula 1600 at Brands Hatch or the Swift 90 at the two other courses. "I like to think that the concept of the Indian driver has changed in the minds of the British public" said Akbar. "Certainly they were surprised at the way I performed. Some of them did not even know that there were established motor racing events in India."

Speaking about Brands Hatch, Akbar said that there were two circuits, a shorter one running to 2.9 kilometres and a longer one which was 4.3 kilometres. As far as he was concerned it was a "blind track" for he

did not even see the course till he raced on it. According to Akbar, Brands Hatch is a hilly track with a pretty steep gradiant, it also has some "blind corners" which mean that till the last moment one does not see the track just ahead. This in turn calls for specially controlled and skilful driving.

Akbar participated in two races at the famous track. The first was a club event but the second was a championship event in which drivers from Finland, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland and Japan besides UK participated. The standard predictably was high, and the competition so intense, that very little separated the cars at the finish of the ten lap race over the longer circuit. Starting from a grid



position of 44, Akbar kept up a terrific pace in his Ford Formula 1600 and met the challenge of the top pros with confidence. He did not falter even in typical English (read wet) conditions. While ten cars crashed out of the race Akbar kept his nerve and finished 19th.

The closeness of the competition can be gauged from the fast lap timings. While the driver with the fastest lap timing clocked 48.60 seconds, the 14th car had a timing of 48.85 seconds. Akbar's best lap timing was 49.60 seconds. He said the track was slower than that of Malory Park and Snetterton and the curves were

tighter, but that did not stop him from driving at over 200 kilometres per hour and having an average of 135.7 kmph.

Speaking about his experiences, Akbar said that he was impressed by the thoroughly professional attitude of the drivers, the marshalls and the organisers. The marshalls for example, were at an accident site within seconds of the mishap. On the part of the organisers everything was conducted smoothly, while the drivers displayed fitness and concentration of a high order. "If you falter during your gear shift even for a second. there are three or four cars racing past you", said Akbar. "They are true pros for they race for a living. They race every week, and in the UK alone there are some 20 racing tracks". Speaking about the races held in England, Akbar said a crowd of about 20000 watched the day's proceedings which started at 8 am and went on till six pm. Racing in England is conducted only on Sundays and there are an average of eight races every day.

Akbar's confidence on the trip was also boosted by the presence of Vicky Chandhok who was at hand to encourage him or give him technical advice. His confidence at an all time high, Akbar is now looking ahead to the All India Motor Race Meet at Sriperambudur in September (postponed from January) and The Formula Three event scheduled to be held at the same venue in December.

Akbar is bit of a prodigy for he started racing at Sholavaram in 1980, when he was 16. He however maintained an interest in cricket and by 1985 was good enough to play three matches for Tamil Nadu in the Ranji Trophy as an opening batsman. By the late Eighties however he knew that his cricketing days were over and decided to come back to motor racing. Very soon he won races both at Sholavaram and Sriperambudur, and very soon was the bright new star of the track.

Now with his priorities clear, and with an excellent record to boot. Akbar with the sponsorship backing will go all out during the 1991-1992 season. Unipro will sponsor him for The All India Meet and Lakshmi Mills for the Formula Three event. "I have two immediate ambitions" says a clear and pragmatic Akbar. "I want to be the best in the country and secondly when I go to England again next year, I want to finish in the top five." Given his talent and skill, these seem to be modest ambitions, which the level-headed young man should easily achieve.

Partab Ramchand



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This week we are going to give you some time tested advice on how to stay in top gear. These cover a wide range of topics in all spheres of life, and (if followed) will help you stay in better shape and remain healthy.



#### Go bananas

Bananas if taken regularly go a long way in reducing hypertension. This is beeause bananas have a large amount of pottasium, the mineral responsible for regulating the heart beat and also controlling the sodium balance in the body. When the body does not get adequate amounts of potassium, it retains sodium and water. which in turn contributes to a high blood pressure. Bananas have about 450 mg of pottasium and a potato has about 500 mgs. Hence make these foads a regular feature in your diet.

Want to lose weight? Want to lose it real fast? Work off the fat. don't starve yourself. Starving is the worst mistake a dieter can make. A very low caloric diet lof 800-1000 ealories a day) is sure to set you for failure. Initially they take off the fat fast, but the kilos you lose are water and you become dehydrated. And then when you start eating more food you put on water weight a phenomenon known as refeeding edema. These erash dtets

undermines your weight losing efforts and to top it all.leaves you feeling tired and depressed. Very low food intake or irregular food habits set off an impulse to eat more than necessary. Exercising regularly and eating the right food in the right quantity is the secret of shedding weight.

#### Don't starve yourself



#### Milk myths

Forget the things that you get to hear about milk. That's it's just for kids, that it's fattening, and that it's hard to digest. Milk is not necessarily fattening. Low fat or skimmed milk can be a part of a weight losing diet. Milk remains as one of the premier sources for calcium. And calcium Is one of the intuerals that your body can't do without.

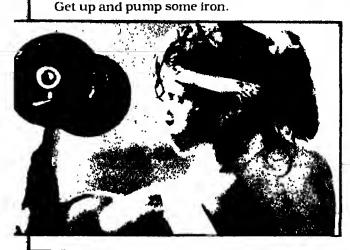
As for the notion that milk is hard to digest, it is not the milk but the fat in the milk that impairs digestion. And only those adults who have a deficiency in producing the digestive enzyme lactase, find it difficult to break down the fat content In milk. However, if you really feel that milk is not for you. make sure that you put plenty of green vegetables on your plate, cos they are also a good source of calclum.

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#### What's the best way to relax?

Feeling worked up at all times, even when you hit the sack? Get in shape boy. Studies conclusively prove that the higher the level of fitness in a person (specially one who combines weight training with aerobics) the better his muscles relax during rest periods. Exercise makes the body tired but you will love the tiredness that comes along with exercise, unless you overtrain, and better

still, it improves your personality. So the next time you feel the attack of blues, don't just sit there grumbling.



#### Just another manic Monday?

Oh no, not again, Is this the waking up phrase that you use every Monday? How you wish the weekend would Here are a few never end. suggestions to help you combat these Monday blahs. Rather than starting off the new week from scratch. save some partially completed work from Saturday and give yourself a beginning-of-the-week goal, that is within reach and can be acheived. And the most important thing to do on Mondays. Get up earlier than usual on Mondays and then space yourself. Give yourself some extra time because feeling rushed just serves to aggravate negative feelings. Go on and make Monday a fun day.

#### **Bored sick?**

The next time you complain of a backache, high blood pressure or eating disorders, just analyse your lifestyle. Are you really enjoying the way you live or are you vearning for better? These minor ailments could be your brain telling you ihat ii is bored with the life you are leading. When bored, the brain has a mind of it's own, It will do just about anything-even inflict pain-ior some stimulation. When bored the brain will first increase the level of REM (rapid eye

movement) sleep, to boost dream capacity. If this does not do the trick, the next step is increased physical restlessness and, this usually comes in the form of impulsive behaviour or workaholism. If this also does not work, then in a last ditch effort the brain will create physical problems like back pain, eating disorders. high blood pressure and other related aillments. Stimulate that brain of yours and ii will save you a couple of trips to the doc's chamber.



So here's to your health, folks. Just work at it (your health) and you're sure gonna come out

# COLUMN

#### MAILBAG

#### Good boy, Jim!

THE men's final at Roland Garros this year was an example of the great heights that tennis has sealed. The standard of play, the fitness of the players and the concentration that the game demands now are of very high levels. Jim Courier won the live setter and in style too. Agassi that day was certainly not at his best but that does not diminish the magnitude of Courier's accomplishment. In the fifth set, Jim showed that sportsmanship, still exists in the world of sports. The linesmen called a forehand return from Agassi as out, but Courier called it 'in'. It is indeed a joy to see such sportsmen receiving trophies. Well done, Jim. KANISHKA DUTTA. Calcutta.

#### Fitting tribute

Twas indeed a great sporting gesture on the part of Sportsworld to dedicate some pages to Rajiv Gandhi. It was indeed a fitting tribute to the martyr who was a great lover of sports, and who did his best for the upliftment of sports in the country.

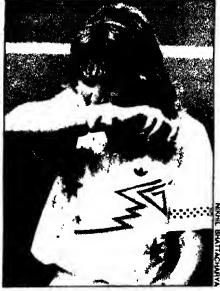
At the same time it was a disappointment that none of our sportsmen wrote a word about this great son of our country.

S. HUSSAIN, Dibrugarh.

#### Shocking \*

THE manner in which Steffl Grat lost to Arantxa Sanchez in the French Open came as a bad shock to all her fans. Just when the world thought that Steffl had got over her troubles, she suffered one of the worst defeats of her eareer. Before that match it was a confident Steffl who brought back memories of old,

But in that particular match it was Sanchez all the way and Steffi really did not stand a chance. Look-



ing back, the French Open was a bad tournament for the Germans. Boris also lost in the semis to Richael Stich. What was Germany's loss turned out to be America's gain and eventually two, Americans reached the finals.

With Wimbledon just round the corner let's hope that Steffi and Becker both regain their form and display some real good tennis. SUBRAT SAMAL, Burla.

#### Revealing

THE coverage on Sachin Tendulkar by Robin Chatterjee was real nice. In fact the 'boy' is entitled to the hype he is receiving. When the wonder boy beats others hands down, it proves that he has arrived in the men's world.

The competition is very tough out there but he has come out trumps against all odds. Just proves that talent survives the toughest of competition.

Keep up the good work.
ARTA MISHRA,
Cuttack.

THE issue of Sportsworld (29th May-4th June) was fantastic. The writeup on Vengsarkar by Robin Chatterjee after spending some time with the 'Colonel' and his family was worth reading. Please continue to bring out articles like that in the forthcoming issues. M. SRIDHAR, Barniput.

#### No more, please ■

IHAVE been a regular reader of Sportsworld for many years, but of late I have been observing a lot of mistakes creeping into the magazine. For example in the issue dated 29th May-4th June I noticed a couple of discrepencies in the photographs.

Being a photographer myself the pictures printed in the reverse was a real letdown. The pictures of McEnroe and Cash playing their guitars, was printed wrongly. The picture accompanying the article Adios Amigos was certainly not of Morten Frost, and was in no way related to the article.

We the readers, would remain indebted if slip ups of this type does not come up in the magazine. BABU REDDY, Bangalore.

Agreed that the picture accompanying the badminton article was not of Frost. But the picture of the tennis greats playing the guitar was printed the right way as is evident, if one pays close attention to the strings of the guitars.—Ed.

#### Thanks a ton

As an ardent admirer of Steffi Graf I always wanted to correspond with her and this was the reason why I wrote to Sportsworld. And sure enough I was not disappointed.

I wrote to Steffi, after I got the address and I was surprised when she sent me a letter and an autographed photograph of hers. Just goes on to prove that in spite of her various commitments and her tennis, Steffi is a warm person. It was indeed a dream come true. Thanks again, and keep up the good work.

SHUKLA MAJUMDAR.

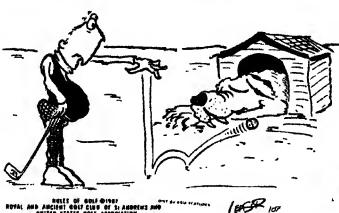
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#### **MILESTONES**

WON: By Monaco. the French Cup in football when they defeated champions Marseille by a solitary goal.

**WON:** By Madhya Pradesh, the boys Junior National basketball title. The girls title went to Maharashtra.

WON: By Bhagyashree Thipsay. of Maharashtra, the National A Women's Chess Championships for the V.V. Shastri Rolling Trophy.

**WON:** By Daniel Zaragoza of Mexico, the WBC super bantamweight title defeating champion Kiyoshi Hatanaka of Japan on a split. decision.

WON: By Stefan Edberg the Queens Club Tournament. He defeated David Wheaton of the

U.S.A, 6-2, 6-3 in the finals. CONFIRMED: That Evander Holyfield

and Mike Tyson will fight for the heavyweight title in October or November

Skating is a sport where elegance, style and streng-th play a pivotal role. Attesting that fact is Soviet Union's Artur Dmitriev as he carries his partner Natalia Michkutenick, to the gold in the World **Skating Championships** 



this year.

CLEARED: Frank Bruno of his eye injury. After the operation to repair the torn retina, there were doubts as to whether he would fight again. The surgeon who operated on him has given him the go-ahead for fighting.

SELECTED: David Lawrence, into the final 13 for the English cricket team for the Test at Lords against the Windles.

DEFEATED: Ben Johnson in his third 100 mts comeback race. He had a timing of 10.41 secs.

APPOINTED: Aravinda DeSilva as the Sri Lankan cricket eaptain for the tour against England. Asanka Gurusinghe has been appointed the vice-captain.

#### QUIZ/CHESS/BRIDGE

#### QUIZ

#### **QUESTIONS**

- 1. When and where did Carl Lewis set up his world record in 100 m?
- 2. Where is the Payne Whitney Gymnasium?
- 3. What is the "Cathedral of Muscle"?
- 4. Which winner of Olympic gold medal in hockey scored a Test century against Australia?
- 5. What did Kumar Ranjitsinhji, R. Subba Rao and M. Jahangir Khan have in common?
- 6. What does the sport slang "to sit on the splice" mean?
- 7. How is the 'degree of difficulty' applied while awaiting marks for a dive?
- 8. What is the use of chalk in gymnastics?
- 9. With what sport is Nissen Cup associated?
- 10. What does the abbreviation I.S.V, stand for?

#### **ANSWERS**

- 1. On September 24, 1988 at Seoul-(during the Olympics).
- 2. At New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. It is Yale University's gymnasium.
- 3. The Payne Whitney gymnasium.
- 4. The Nawab of Pataudi (Sr.).
- 5. Each of them was a Cambridge Blue in Cricket.
- 6. To play a cautious, defenisive game (in cricket).
- 7. The highest and lowest marks awarded by the judges are ignored. The total of the remaining marks is multiplied by the 'degree of difficulty' to find out the score of dive.
- 8. Chalk is used to assist grip especially for powerful heavy movements of men.
- 9. Trampolining
- 10. Internatioal Shooting Union.

#### CHESS

This position has an interesting story behind it. In Prague '43

Alexander Alekhine was giving a simultaneous display to the occupying German forces.

A Nazi general playing black (as is normal in a simul) resigned here because he could see no defence to white's threat of checkmate. Alekhine switched sides and played on with the black forces. A couple of moves later the Nazi resigned with white.

As the applause started the world champion switched sides again and commanded his opponent to play on. Three moves

later he forced mate with white.

The Solution: Black To Play
Black has only one defence to the
threat of 2 Qh8 mate. 1-g6 2 Qh7
Kf8 3 Qh8 does not work obviously.
So 1-Rh4!

2 Nxh4 White cannot capture with rook because of 2-Qe1 mate.

2-Qc

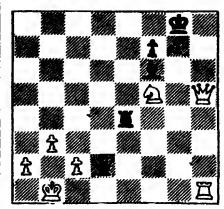
Here the German resigned again playing with the white pieces because he could not stop 3-Qb2 mate or so he thought.

There is however an ambush or magnet combination as they are known.

3 Qh8!! Kxh8

4 Ng6 Kg8 5 Rh8 mate.

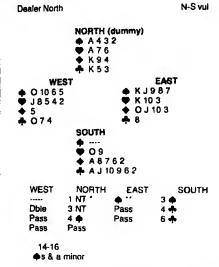
Devangshu Dutta



#### BRIDGE

The players who impress the average spectator are the ones who handle their dummy the best. Playing the dummy is by far the easiest of all aspects of the game and the least important—matches are won or lost mostly in bidding and partly on defence. Yet, dummy-play is, possibly because it involves no partnership inter-action and, like batting in cricket, easier to understand, the most glamorous part of the game, at least to the average

bridge-lover. This difficult hand from an American team championship last year involved two strong teams—the declarer found the winning play but the winning defence proved too tough to find:-



West led his singleton diamond and declarer, Larry Cohen, played low from dummy. He won the diamond ten with the ace and immediately led back a second diamond, tempting West into ruffing which would solve his problem. When West refused to ruff, Cohen correctly deduced that he had started with the queen of trumps or else he would have probably ruffed. So all he had to do was to give up a diamond, ruff one on the table and finesse against West for the trump queen. It all seems easy on paper but there is one small snag, one that would escape all but the best. If declarer concedes the diamond . immediately, East plays back a fourth diamond and West ruffs with the seven to drive out dummy's king and thereby promote his trump queen into a winner. To overcome this, Cohen ruffed a spade to hand and led the club nine, passing it when West followed low. Now he could concede the diamond for the threat of a trump promotion had evaporated. Do you see where West went wrong-he should have covered the club nine with the queen. Then, declarer would have no way to avoid going down for whenever he concedes the diamond, East can play back the fourth diamond for West to ruff with the seven, high enough to beat dummy's five! Santanu Ghose



It has something to do with learning about life. You go out there
and you give it your best shot.
That's all you can do. If you win,
it's great; if you lose and you
give it your best try, that's O.K
too. That's why my
spirit is so good and I know that
if I lose it's not the end of the
world. It's depends on how I
lose.

BORIS BECKER realises that winning is not all that matters.

Journalists have the ability to put players under so much of pressure. We can never please. If we play poorly we are blasted, and if we win we played against bad opposition. Sometimes i can't understand you lot.

GARY LINEKER, on the Press. Incidentally he also plans to become a journalist after he gives up the game.

Now that I am nearing the end of my playing days my ambition is to go out as a winning captain, it would be a wonderful farewell gift from my players. This will be my last Test series, regardless of success or failure. You can't go on for ever—Peter Pans only exist in story books.

VIVIAN RICHARDS underlines the Importance of this series against England, The beginning was not good, though.

hilldn't feel the pressure jast riss. It is just something I went to do life the seaso't departs on

MARIE DO AND ENGINEERS

i hope this summer we see a good contest rather than one-sided wins by the West Indies. At least if it's interesting we will read more about cricket rather than monotonous comments about siow over rates, short pitched bowling, lines down the middle of the pitch and so on.

IMRAN KHAN predicts an interesting series in England this summer between West Indies and England. The excitement has begun with England winning their first Test match against West Indies at home in 22 years.



I would love to turn the clock teach myself, but at the end of the day, you have to go forwards, not beckwards.

MARK SPITZ finally acknowledges the fact that he is losing to age, losing every race since he started on his comeback trail.

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#### WHEELER DEALER

Not Tight Fisted

O dudes! There are things you know and things you don't. Like for example, who owns the largest fleet of cars in the land of Uncle Sam? We'd like to tell you that its gotta be a sportsman (it's our opinion that counts and not anyth-

Tyson and his mobile mania



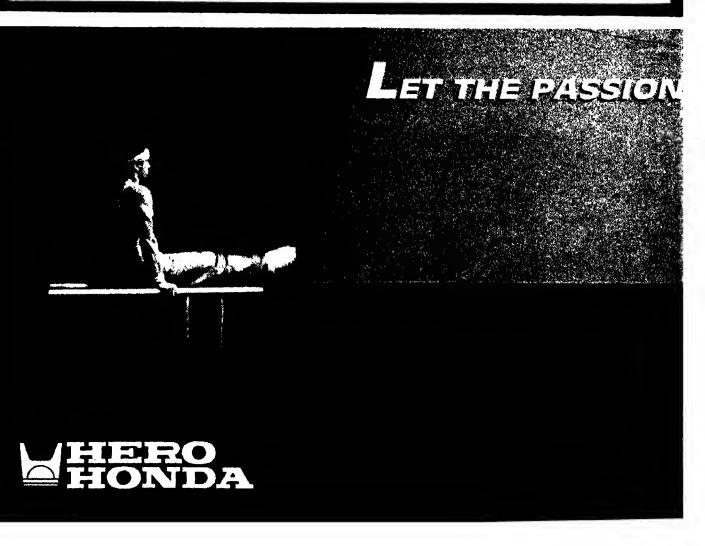
ing else) and guess what? It is. It's 'Iron' Mike Tyson!

Tyson is probably the undisputed 'wheeler dealer' owning a fleet of 82 cars—the biggest fleet in America—which is valued at \$22 million plus. A few mentionables among his vast range of autos are Bentleys, Cadillacs, Mercedes, Ferraris, Porsches, (we're running out of breath) Rolls Royce etc...That makes 82 of them,

and since you guys are still gasping here's another one for you: car number 83 might be on its way. What's so special about this one? Only one thing; when it comes to the Tyson home it could be the costliest car in history. Value: \$12 million.

This car is a 1958
Ferrari 335 S Speciale V12 and it is placed at Christie's for auction. Tyson has bid this amount with the auctioneers and to his fortune, Christie's has, till date, received no counter offers.

Two things: when the guys fists are closed he's spreading terror. When they're open, people still keep away from him. Some guys just can't



#### Sachin:concerned about Bombay cricket's future

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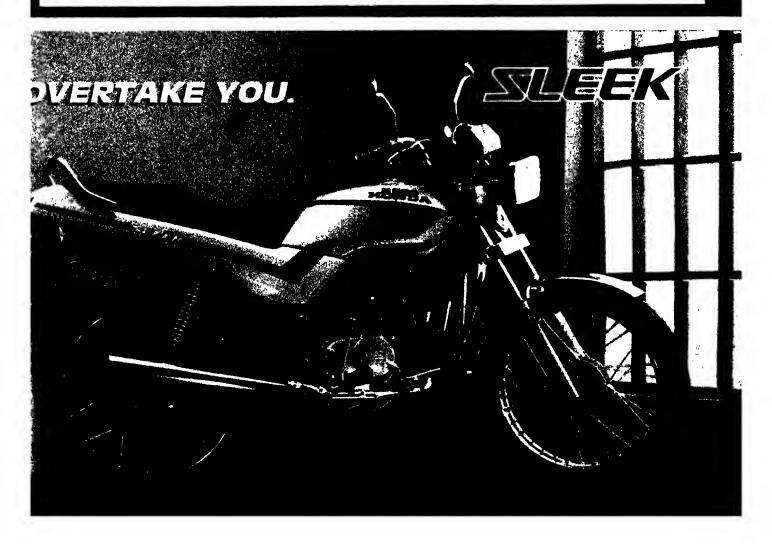
ND while Tyson keeps buying, selling and giving away cars, there's another little dude in our very own home turf-Bombay to be precise-who's making headlines all by his ownsome. Sachin Tendulkar.

Sachin has never made any pretensions of his dislike for politics and he's sticking to his bat (oops guns).

But Sachin and some Bombay cricketers have openly stressed their support in favour of a certain Mr Mohan Raole from the Shiv Sena. Please note: Sachin's support is not for the 'Hindutva' espoused by the Shiv Sena or its supremo, Bal Thackeray, but for Mr Raole, the sports lover. The loyalty is purely sporting.

Sachin, his coach Ramakant Achrekar, Chandrakant Pandit, head of the national selection committee Mr Naren Tamhane, and a host of other Ranji players have expressed their support for Mr Raole. This sudden affection for Raole on the part of the cricketers is not new. Ever since he was the president of the Bhartiya Vidyarthi Sena, he was always keen to get justice for cricketers.

"His fight for cricketers will go on. With this hope and confidence we declare our support to him." So saying, Sachin once more made his way to the headlines and this column.





ATHY ROWLANDSON'S appointment as a physical therapist for

the 16 seeded women at Wimbledon was, as she likes to say, unceremonious. She went in one day to help the former therapist and ended up staying-for ten years and counting.

From where she sits-an office in the locker room-Rowlandson, 39, much prefers the first week of Wimbledon. It is serene.



"The first week is quite good because the seeded players assume they will get through their rounds," she says. "The second week is traumatic because they start playing each other and, of course, they're getting changed in the same place. Then one of them loses and they [have to] come back in together."

But there is a frivolity that never subsides. Rowlandson says the women have "quite a laugh" in the locker room, shouting to people out the window and relaxing before their matches. Of course, there was the time that a secret admirer had 500 red roses delivered to Gabriela Sabatini two years ago. The locker room was transformed into a greenhouse, but without the space. "Can you imagine how much room all those roses took up?" laughs Rowlandson. "We didn't have enough vases for 500, so we had to put some in the bathtub."

According to Rowlandson, men and women both have problems playing on grass. Neither sex is more or less likely to get injured. ATP trainer Bill Norris agrees. "It's all the same," he says. "I see a lot of men with buttock strains, but women have similar complaints." Norris does envision problems for taller players like Tim Mayotte and Kevin Curren, who have to bend a little farther for the ball.

"They know they have to do a bit more stretching."

Rowlandson agrees: "I would say the taller players have more of a problem on grass because the ball doesn't bounce very high and they have to get down that much lower to hit it. But when you look at champions, they come in all shapes and sizes. Billie Jean and Rod Laver were small and Margaret Court, Stan Smith and Boris Becker are tall and Navratilova, Borg and McEnroe are in the middle...I don't think the body makes that much of a difference. I think it's more their mental approach to the game."

Rowlandson talks about the players warming up in the dressing room. "They realise that its important to stretch especially the hip abductors and hamstrings, because as you slide stretch and go down low, those muscles are stretched the most. If they are tight they really feel it."

But what happens when there are rain breaks? What do the players do in the dressing room then?

"When they come off the court they usually shower because they're cold and wet. Not knowing how long the delay is, they may just sit down, eat and relax for a while. They are told at least 15 minutes before play resumes so that they can start their stretching programmes, get changed and be ready to get back on court." says Rowlandson.

In fact, the damp weather keeps Rowlandson extra busy because the dampness tightens muscles faster than usual. But with so many youngsters now in the women's tournament there are less injuries. "Oh, they just sit and listen to their walkmans. They hardly talk. Unless of course one of their batteries run dry and they want to borrow another set," concludes Rowlandson.

- William Rhodes

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#### HAIR TODAY

Gone tomorrow

AVE we got some juice for you on Monica Seles this week. This woman is really going places...and fast! She could be No. 1 as far as the females are concerned but that don't mean nothin' to her. See what she has to say.

"I don't want to be like Steffi; already unhappy at her age. Who knows, I might not be No. 1 for very long. But I'm going to love it and live it while it lasts." Sure thing.

She certainly knows what she's talkin' about. Blonde and bubbly she may be, but that's not the scene with her, "I have to be the best at whatever I do. If I get a low grade at school, I get mad. I'll get at myself to work harder. If I mess up in tennis it's the same."

Those are fightin' words and this attitude earns her around £6 million a year (\$10 million). The cash she can command is staggering: while lesser mortals have to fork out for a haircut, she gets paid to cut her hair and we're talkin' £350,000 here. That's how much she get paid to cut her hair recently. The hair cut came about because she had her face done up by Matrix beauty products. Really on felt, this girl. No more toys for her, it's journiety mon, visits to boutiques in Paris, and looks of appraisal from the guys.

These are also sery curves on the places where the was once matchstick thin. But there's one thing we can't figure out Monica: how come fourle compaigning for higher pay in weather to be been pourle counting more than any mone on the circuit, excepting of course higher him. By take this query,

#### SACHIN FALLS SHORT

Hit for a six

ND there's this poor little guy who's wandering the streets of Bombay trying to figure out why he didn't 'score'. Just in case, the dirt in your cerebral compartments is playing up hell, we right as well let the cat out of the bag. The unfortunate individual is Sachin Tendulkar and he was just a sixer away from another landmark. But for this guy, studies are certainly not cricket. Anyway we'll cut

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WE LOOK
WHERE
WE'RE NOT
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out on the frills and give you the hard news: Sachin Tendulkar failed to pass his HSC exams by just six marks. And what did his dad say: "He almost got through." Well if you play such a lot of cricket, six runs short is pretty good. Or is it?

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### ROYAL DOWN

Carlo Marie .

Mama mia!

coxs like the future first implant is not doing too well. They've never been good sports anyway and going by their recent track record they should keep off this particular appears of life.

The marriage of Charles and Di has run into stormy weather (if the tabloids are to be believed) and maybe it is just that which forces Charles to use cuse words on the field while playing gold. Not that he would be the table of 


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Becker: Lonely boy on top of the world

#### **BREAK POINT**

Becker's love-game

Becker boy did not have such a smooth run-up to Wimbledon this time. While Edberg continues to hog the honours, Becker is still having trouble with matters of the heart.

Boris was in London and accompanying him was Karen Schulz, a girl he loved, ditched and got back to again. Third time unlucky they call it and Boris and Karen have split up again. Some people say Karen walked off in a huff and it's gonna be permanent because this time Becker is hopping mad. So mad is he that he's turned vindictive.

They're making a film in London on the life and times of Becker, and Karen was featuring in it too. Not anymore, as Boris in his lovelorn rage has asked the directors to delete scenes with him and Karen. In fact, delete her out of the film and his life totally.

Last year it was winter Olympics star Katarina Witt who sat in the player's box as Becker's guest, watching the German play Wimbledon, Who's it gonna be this year? Or will Boris go it alone? With Becker you can never run short of possibilities.



#### CHEAP GUY

Bring in the clowns

OW here goes one heliuva long question. Which tennis player gives the best value for money as sponsors queue up to hand over millions to players in order to endorse a product before their run-up to Wimbledon? The answer—though rather, surprising—is Frenchman Henri Leconte, who rarely wins anything of note.

"Henri is a natural salesman," said Dutchman Frank Van Wezel who heads the Hi-Tec group. "He is also the most charismatic and popular player in the circuit. This is because he is an entertainer and gets more than his fair share of attention from TV cameras." Very true, Henri would make a better clown than he would a tennis player.

Chances are Van Wezel could be biased as he has just signed up Leconte to endorse his foot-wear. "Henri is not expensive and he is ready with all sorts of promotion efforts behind the scenes. Henri is getting a basic salary of \$100,000 to endorse Hi-Tec shoes." A hundred grand, ladies and gentlemen, is peanuts. Leconte a natural salesman? No scene brother. Just going cheap!



What an impression she gave people in Paris before the championships started. She laughed easily. She cracked a joke. She invited people for dinner and their cooked the dinner herself. She indulged in her new passion: photography. And after she finished her practise sessions. she would forget the game and go sightseeing. Trying to

lead as normal a life as possible.

And then within ten days, her whole world had crumbled. But 1

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It is sad but true. Experts in the tennile circles are now seriously talking about the end of Steffi Graf. They talk about her lacking that edge to come good in big games; of the competition catching up with her; of the lack of her backhand topspin shot; of her rejuctance to change her coach; of her lack of motivation. But more than all this they talk about

Peter Graf. The lifestyle of Peter Graf. a former used-car salesman, has changed dramatically since he put a cut-down racket into the

hands of his four-year-old daughter Steffi. According to one respected German tennis expert, the man himself has changed under the limelight he constantly seeks. "He was a good father to the young teenager but the relationship was not

redefined when she became a young woman.

And that, to put it simply, is what has become of Stell Graf. The needs and desires of a young woman are vastly different from the needs and desires of an adolescent girl And Peter

press conference in Langrova, she said, 'In five minutes, I'm out of here. There's a whole day ahead of me. I'm sure I'll find something to do.

This is not what Peter Graf would approve. He wants, his daughter to concentrate hundred percent on her tennis but Steff no longer feels that way. Increasingly, as she grows older she realises that tennis is not the be-all and end-all of



Coming but for the 1989 Wimbledon firms with Martina

Graf does not seem to understand that.

Thus the tussle. Peter Graf, to hold onto his daughter. Steffi, struggling to break away, You can note this by the statements she makes: her desire to spend time alone. Her desire to do what she feels like, like for extrople, after a

'Peter Graf was a good father to the young teenager but the relationship was not redefined when she became a woman'

existence. That there are other things to look forward to.

Taking a walk by the side of the river Seine. Meeting people and discuss politics and arts. To go and visit museums and mit galleries. To develop her passion for photography.

lie is so wast and so diverse. It is important to be a tennis player because it is only on the tentils court that she schleves her fulfilment as a person. It is her most potent form of self expression. But she has realised that it does not mean that there is nothing else to life. And she is also increasingly realising that it is not the end of the world for her, if she is not Number One.

These may be signs of a new maturity. On the other hand these may be indications that Steff realises she cannot be the tennis player she once was and therefore there is an attempt to be a better all round human being. To be happy. For, as Seles says, "I don't want to be like Steffi unhappy already at her age."

Yes, it's difficult too imagine that a 22-year-old millionairess with fame and success can be unhappy. But that's where Steffe Grafs career-and life stands at the moment. And whether it is to be a new beginning or merely the teginning of the end surely the next week will tell.



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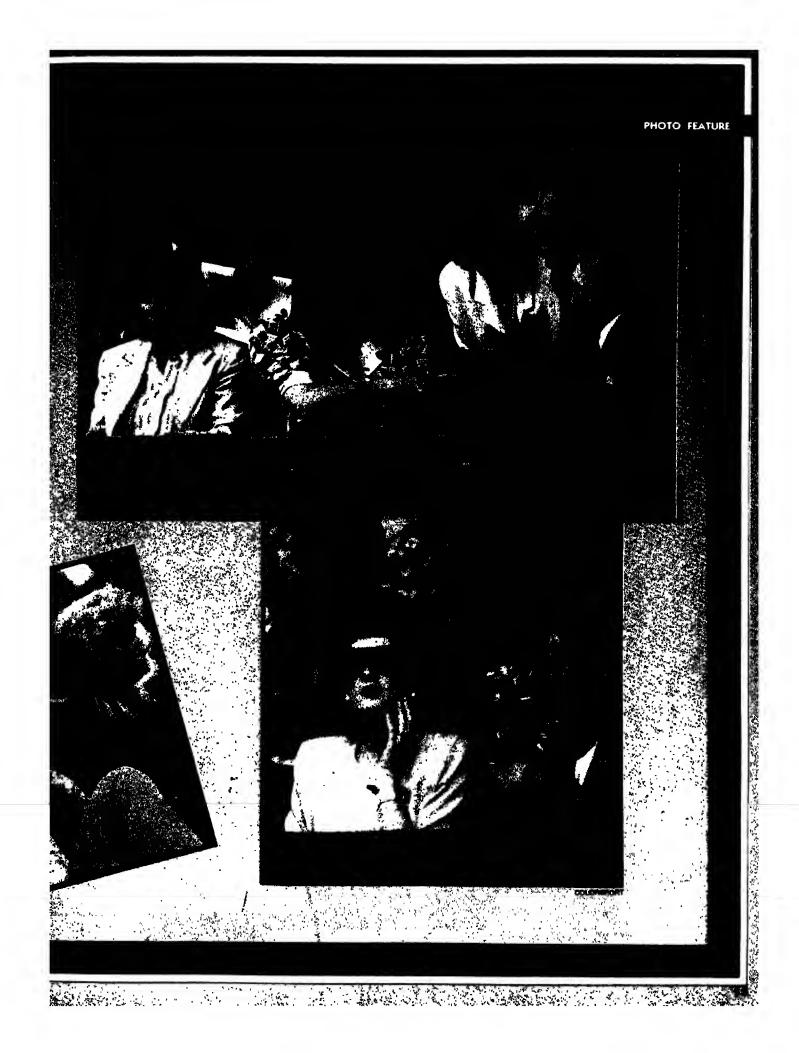




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### SPOTLIGHT

Superstar
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Judy Nelson
has asked a court to ban
the tennis star from
making obscene phone
calls to her.

She says she received the calls after she filed a 100-page, 10 million law-suit in her home Judy's lawyer, Jerry
Loften, has asked the
Fort Worth court to ban
Martina from
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her, "in vulgar, profane,
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manner, with intent to
annoy or alarm." He also
asked that Martina be
stopped from writing to
Judy who earlier this
year begged Martina to

place right at the beginning of their romance," said a friend of the couple.

The partnership was Martina's way of proving to Judy how much she loved her. Whereas Judy, who has always watched the pennies even when she was a housewife, saw it as a just reward for what she had given up.

Judy, who left her

has been her friend longer than anybody else."

Judy is also likely to settle because she doesn't want her two teenage sons exposed to bad publicity. Martina has left a trail of shattered female hearts behind her. Said one source on the tennis circuit: :Martina is passionate with new lovers but heartless with

## ITMUSTHAVE BEEN LOVE...

## BUT IT'S OVER NOW

The Martina-Judy Nelson relationship has ended in acrimony, controversy and law suits

town of Fort Worth, Texas.

Judy, a 45-year-old mother of two, is demanding half the fortune Martina made out of a sports fashion business while they were living together. She alleges Navratilova, who has had a string of female companions went back on a partnership agreement which was videotaped as they signed the papers.

Since their eight-year relationship went sour earlier this year, Judy says Martina, 34, has been making the phone calls—some anonymous—in the middle of the night to their former lovenest in Aspen, Colorado, the ski capital of America.

come back to her. A judge is expected to decide on the ban request.

When not on tour, Martina is currently living in Vali, Colorado, with US Olympic skier Cindy Nelson (no relation) whom she met at Christmas. Loften says that the lawsuit covers every aspect of the couple's life together, and the 12-minute videotape is likely to be crucial in the case. "The signing took

surgeon husband and sons for life with Martina, consulted lawyers after turning down a six-figure cash and property offer. As the court waits for an answer to the lawsuit from Navratilova's attorneys, some insiders doubt it will get to trial.

"Martina doesn't want to wash her dirty linen in public," said one. "She is worth 80 or 100 million dollars and can afford to give her a hefty amount-after all she

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"Martina is passionate with new lovers but heartless with old ones."



Since the came out of the closet ten years ago, her constant companions on the circuit have furdly rated a comment from players, press and public. Even at Wimbledon officials Judy's lawyer, Jerry Loften, has asked the court to ban Martina from communicating with her, in "vulgar, profane, obscene or indecent language," or in a "coarse or offensive manner, with intent to annoy or alarm."

banely raised an eyebrow at Martina and her friends.

Her first long-term
affair after she arrived in
America from
Czechoslovakia was
with author fita Mae
Brown, 46, Martina
went public with her
preferences when they
lived together on a
325,000 estate near
Charlottesville, Virginia.
After she left her for

basketball star Nancy Lieberman, Rita Mae chronicled their two-year-affair, Meanwhile, there were relationships with trans-sexual tennis player Dr Renee Richards and golfer Sandra Haynie,

Judy says it was in January, after hearing rumours that Martina was seeing other women, that their relationship cooled. A month later. Navratilova left to play in two tennis tournaments and didn't take Judy along. When Martina returned to Aspen, she spent her nights not at the house but at an apartment she owns. That's when a distraught Judy pathetically said: "It breaks my heart to think I may lose Martina."

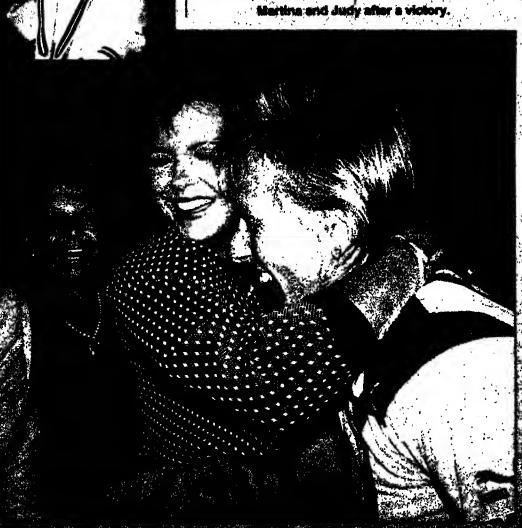
"I love Martina and always will. But she's very strong-willed and I know that if I force the situation, I could come out fite loser."

"She has left offers in the past, but she has not lived with any of them for eight years like we have. That means the world to me-and I hope it means something to Martina."

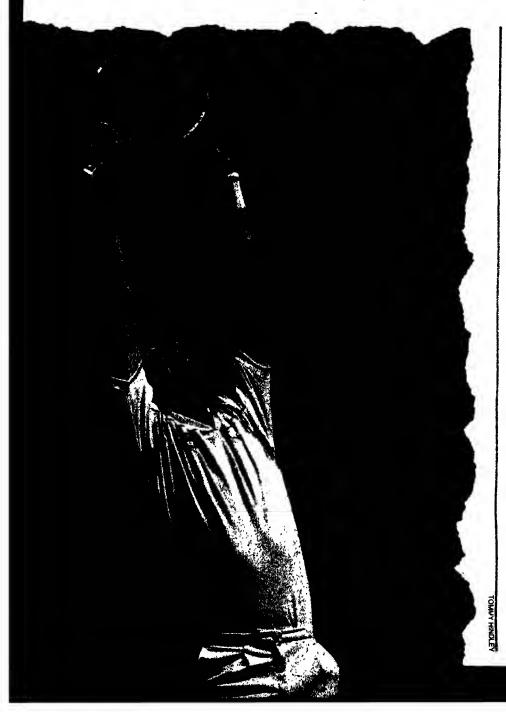
Judy and Martina shared a spacious bedroom with a large brass bed covered with teddy bears and soft toys. When Judy's sons visited, they kept up a pretence of having separate bedrooms. Even Judy's parents. Sargent and Frances Hill, came to accept their daughter's lifestyle.

But Marting's lesbtanism has brought her criticism from among others, former Grand Slam winner Margaret Court and Staff Gran's father Peter.

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th July, 1985: Afternoon, Centre Court. Wimbledon: The stadium is in a hush. History is about to be made. The first unseeded player to reach a Wimbledon final, 17-year-old Boris Becker is at championship point: 40-15, in the fourth set, after winning the first two and losing the third. He serves and the ball hits the net. He turns back to the ball boy and collects the ball. He



The media went ga ga over their wins

Wimbledon women's title. Then, another fairy tale: in '89 Steffi Graf and Boris Becker are women's and men's champion at Wimbledon once again. A German sweep. '89 US Open: The same sweep. In 1990, Boris Becker and Steffi Graf are Voted Player of the year for the men's and women's circuit. Tennis in Germany experienced a massive boom after Becker's and

then serves again and again, the ball htts the . net. Double fault. The stadium exhales in despair. Becker stares at the net in astonishment. He goes back again. Score: 40-30. He arches his back and serves. Zoom, the ball whizzes over the net and Curren's reply is weak and hits the bottom of the net. HISTORY! Boris Becker at 17 is the youngest winner of the Wimbledon men's title. And he is also the first German to win this coveted title. Germany goes crazy. They cannot believe that one of their countrymen has lifted the most prestigious of tennis titles. A 12-inch headline proclaims "Boris Super" in the mass-circulated Bild newspaper. Some of the other headlines were: Borls The Great; Prince Boris; King of the Centre Court; Kaiser Boris 1. And on and on it went. Germany had a new idol to look up to. And when Becker went home to his little town of Leimen with his coach, he received a massive reception from the townpeople. Further stimulus: In '88 Steffi Graf wins the



Graf's win. Suddenly. there was tremendous interest in the game, and you could see queues of boys trying to join tennis clubs all over the country. Result: today there are 8 million registered tennts players playing out of some 10,000 organised clubs. Almost everyone, who is someone in German tennis, is affiliated to a club. For example, top professionals like Patrick Kuhnen Karl Uwe Steeb, Michael Stich, Enc Jelen and Claudia Kohde Kilsch are club members. But this was a recent development. In the past, admission to tennis clubs was very expensive. Says Dieter Schon, editor of the Munich based Tennis Revue magazine, 'It would cost 5000 to 6000 deutsche marks a year to join a club and then the average dues would be 600 to 1000 more. That meant that income levels had to be high, so obviously many people had to be left out.'

## The set up

VEN before Becker made such a huge splash at Wimbledon, things had already began to change in Gerniany. One of the major reasons for the change in the tennis fortunes of this nation occured when Richard Schonborn, a Czech tennis coach came to West Germany tn 1969 and started the first official West German training centre. Soon after, five more regional facilities were built including the one in Leiman, which spawned both Becker and Graf. 'Schonberg created a

Becker and Graf show off their trophies after winning Wimbledon in 1989

talent search system' said Schon, the editor of Tennis Revue, 'he was the one who selected the kids for the regional centers. All they had to do was practise and play.

Becker and Graf shake their heads and say that it is a fairy tale. "What else can you call it?" asks Steffi. 'I mean, you can't build up two players like that. I don't see it happening again. It's just luck, coincidence"

Everything else was taken care of. They stayed at home and went to the centres on weekends and holtdays. so that they didn't get homesick. Schonberg found lots of talent and two of the kids were Steffi and Boris.' Schon remembers that as a teenager, Becker was regarded as too heavy and slow, but that he always had tremendous determination and an unwavering desire to win. Graf, meanwhile, was considered an outstanding talent with a difficult father, who finally took away Graf from the program in order to direct her career htmself.

## The implementation

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'O know how Germany produced these super champions is to study the way that Becker and Graf spend their early formative years. What training did they receive? What were the facilities available? Who were their coaches? Borts Becker was born to the cement manufacturing town of Letman, a town of about 20,000 people. His home was less than a mile away from Blau-Wetss (Blue-White) Tennis Club. It was here, at the

mdon couris that he came under the personal hilelage of coach Borrs Bresky in an Yngoslav who was employed by the German and Baden Federation Breasky in trained Borrs for Thill tenyons and he occassionally coached Stelli Grah who belonged to neighborring Bright

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always annoyed that I didn't allow her to play soccer. But her knees are weak. They have always been weak and could get injured very easily."

Another aspect of this training programme was how to weave individual idiosyneracies into a potent weapon. For example: the diving lunge which is an unmistakable Boris Becker style, and which became world lamous at Wimbledon.

"Boris tried for everything but his technique was not good tennis or jumping he says, 'he didn't know how to roll. Knees and elbows scraped, blood everywhere. I said, 'Hey. stop, don't do this. You hurt yourself. He replied, no, no, it's okay and he continues to doit. Taked him from the first moment, but I stopped the session because I was alraid he would break some bones." Breskvar then ordered gym mats and then Becker trained on that. He was taught how to land like an acrobat. The idea was that he should continue to use this style but in such a way that he did not injure himself. And the reason according to Breskvar was this: "This is his personality and an important part of the game, for three reasons. First, he can reach more balls. More important is the psychological effects. When Boris jumps and gets the ball, the next time, the opponent thinks, I must play exactly on the line.' He tries to hit an area hall as small, and that is very difficult and often he is hitting out. The other advanlage is that this jumping is very attractive for the spectators, and pretty soon, they're all on Boris' side. This is a great plus.'

### An Accident

his moment, a question arises in the mind: A question that is being widely debated in Germany and all over Europe: Was the emergence of Graf and Becker from the same corner of the country without much terms tradition a ourk of history or the result of a programme like the one which has been done by Boris Breskvar? Il you ask Boris Becker

and Steffi Graf, they shake their heads and say that it is a fairy tale. What else can you call it? asks Graf, 'I mean, you can't build up two players like that. I don't see it happening again. It's just luck, coincidence.

But Breskvar disagrees; 'They are great talents' he says. Without talents, you cannot work. But Falso think that we have done a lot with those players. Like this center (in Leman) was very important. It was the

first in Germany and without the opportunity to practise every day, without paying a single Deutsche mark, over eight years, it would have been very difficult." According to the Federation it calculated the cost of Becker's coaching, court time, the cost of racquets and equipment, and they came to the figure of \$500,000. That was the amount he had been subsidised. It is too much money for most families' Breskvar says,



We paid for everything. This is very important.A champion must be born with talent, but he must have also the environment. You can have a great natural talent for skiing, but If you live in the Sahara. yon cannot win an Olympic gold medal in skiing.'

"Boris was not the best in Germany when he was voung," Breskvar says, "he was about No. 10. But when the lederation asked me who they should choose for the

financial benefit. I told them that we should try with Boris because he had it in him to be the best though he wasn't the best then. There are so many players now. A champion must be something special and he must be well managed."

And what was that special streak that the coach saw in the young Becker that made him back the boy all the way?

"One of my friends manufactured this soft drink in Heildelberg". It was a favourite of all the youngsters. Boris would ask all the time. How many will you give me if I win, recalls Breskvar. "He was already a real professional. The more drinks at stake the better he played. When he was 14-15,I was still stronger than he was and he used to lose to me, but they were very close matches mind you. Then one day he asked me 'How many drinks will you give me if I beat you today? I said 'the whole damn box.' He was trying like a mad man and he beat me for

the first time."

It was this competitive spirit that differentiated Becker and Graf from the rest of the kids.

"Temperamentally we were the same," says Steffl. "I have always been somebody who criticised myself a lot.

Boris was the same. But at that time we never thought about all this, we were kids. Nobody really expected that Boris would become the player he is. They thought I had much were of a chapter?"

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Becker's was a god-given gift which showed later. But ninless this cift was nurtured there would have been no great tennis player named Becker. The rise of great natural talents must be accompanied by an ideal environment for it to llower. Says ion Tiriae, "Boris and Steift emerging from the same area at the same time. that is an accident with ingredients that helped. Like tennis courts to play on, lake parents connected with termis Like a coach to discover and develop the talent, ii there are no courts and coaches it is impossible to recognise a gift for tennis." Or in the succint words of Guuther Sanders, executive manager of the Deutscher Tennis Brind (DTB), the German Tennis Federation. What a Federation does is find the players who are talented and not let them go anywhere else: then you give them balls. courts and coaches. Then you wait. Don't teli my secret to anyone else. but we've just waited until we got lucky. Very lucky.

**Ashwin Thomas** 

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## IMBLEDON HISPERS

## MARTINA AND JUDY SHARE THE SPOILS

ARTINA NAVRATILOVA has accused former lover Judy Nelson of being greedy over a palimony claim that could cost her £5 million, during a filmed interview on U.S. television.

Martina, who is in London for Wimbledon said: "I am very hurt by everything that's happened. Judy and I had a very good relationship. And now it all seems to have come down to greed.

"I not only took care of dudy, but of course, her tamily, providing help with her parents and kids. flying people all over the place, tournaments, going on vacations.

"That wasn't enough I guess."

Martina's lawyer, Mike McCurley has filed several hand written documents in court in Dallas, including one titled 'Agreement between Judy and Martina.' According to the unsigned, undated document, they will split their clothes on a 50-50 basis. Martina

can keep the dogs they used to take to tournaments around the world, but Judy will be given "visitation rights.

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The document adds: "Judy gets the Rolls Royce, her horse or the black stallion she is looking for now. Judy also gets the BMW. Chevrolet Blazer, the house in Aspen, or the equivalent if it is sold.

Martina leaves for one of her games at the Queen's Club tournament Judy managed to get a big haul out of her And (inset) Martina's new love Cindy Nelson



and more than \$18,000 for every year we lived together, starting in March 1984

That sum now stands at over \$127,000 up to the time this year when Martina left Judy for top U.S. skier Cindy Nelson.

The producers of the U.S. programme. AC meent Allah, said they have obtained a video showing the actual contract signing making it Martin rand Judy exchange vows

But Martina claimed the blirin which she and Judy are shown agreeing to a partner ship was invalid. She said she alidnat enderst and what she was signing

Judy's sint claims the champion viol ited the terms of a non-mantal collabitation agreement, to divide their homes, including a new custom designed spread in Aspen, then jets cars

and jewellery

Spending the week in Britain Surrounded by an entomage of women and tiding learner Wimbledon of impion Biffic Jean King. Martin chas shown no sign of her new love. Cardy Nelson

I don't even know when the case is going to be and you are isking about the onteone? Sind Martin: My lawyer has advised incroanswer terms questions only

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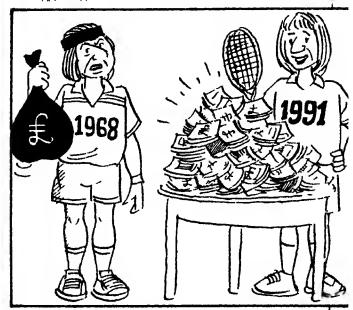
## **BBC: IT'S SHOWTIME!**

REPARATION for relevising of Wimbledon starts two weeks pelore the need itself when engineers begind rying the miles of cable required. The BBC use 30 cameras and 420 monitors for editing commentary and production teams and more than 100 microphones. Pictures are seen in more than 70 countries by an andience of 350 million. Wimbledon, 91 is acc tennis commentator. Dan Maskell's 42 indicar of broadcasting for the BBC. His proud boast is that he has not missed, usingle day of competition since 1929.

## PENNY WISE, POUND FOOLISH

N 1968 when Wmibledon became open for the first time the men's singles winner Rod Laver received just \$2,000. The winner in 1991 will receive a record \$240,000 the women's singles.

winner in 1968. Billic Jean King got just \$.750. Martina or Grad expected winners of the 91. Winnbledon women singles crown will get a whopping \$.216.000. The total prize money is worth a staggering £.4.010.970. First round men's losers.



pocket \$3,600 more than Laver got when he won the fitte in 1968

However, the first professional tourn ment for men at Wimbledon was held in August 1967. It was an invitation event sponsored by the BBC to mark the arrival of coloured television and eight players including Layer took part.

## **VIEW TO A THRILL**

HLAPLSI Centre Court tickets for the opening days of Wimbledon 91 were 3-11. These had a pretty restricted view. The prices subsequently rise consistently during the fortinght. In the hinal days, the ticket price for the standard view is \$.40 and the restricted view is \$.27. Gooding admission remains at six pointed before live paint and doint pounds thereafter. Even uniteserved car parking at Wimbledon 91 costs \$.51x per day. The main points to stress here is that 114xe as ago in Wimbledon in 1877, spectators padjust one shilling each to see the final.

## WANNA SCORE?

HE WIMBLEDON intiscinit has been extended this year to include a modern section featuring the years 1930-1990. Admission is \$1.50 and one pound for students. Roaming spectators at Wimble don are kept up to date with all the scores on TV screens installed this year around the courts while a heige videoscreen in nearby. Aorangi Park also shows coverage from the show courts.

## STRAWBERRIES FOREVER



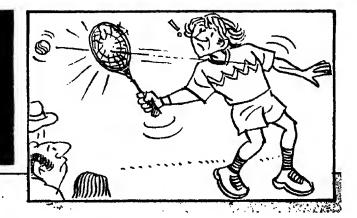
WENTY-three tons of strawberries and 12,000 bottles of champagne are expected to be consumed at the Championships this year. A bowl of the lamous strawberries and cream costs £ 1.50, about Rs 55 on the current exchange rate for ten berries with lashings of cream.

However,
Wimbledon's traditional
fruit has a rival this
year. Bananas are
popular with the crowd
as well. Becker and
Martina popularised
bananas as they munch
them between games. At
the stalls and tents
many spectators are
emulating their tennis
heroes and munching
bananas



## **SERVING NOTICE**

OR the first time this year a radar gun was in operation at the All England Club to monitor the 'master blasters', the last servers at the championships. The system is based on tracking soundwaves and is basically the same as a roadside speedtrap. Racket technology and the speed of a well maintained grass court led to some amazing quick serves. Leading the big hitters'





## BETTER HALF BRIGADE



NEW union was seen at Wimbledon '91. They were the ATP Players' Wives and Girlfriends Association, an enterprising collection of better halves who organised themselves into a body to look after their interests. The founders of this august body are Jimmy Arias's wife Gina and Brad Pearce's spouse Cindi.

These two, along with Heidi De La Pena, daughter of Roy Emerson and married to the Argentinian player Horacio head the organisation. Explaining their role, Heidi said. "Basically we try and do something at every tournament we go to. We organised a trip to Graceland in Memphis, had lunch at Palm Springs, played a football match in Monte Carlo and gave away presents like tour T-shirts at Wimbledon. We even do charity work like visiting hospitals. We also try to help wives/girlfriends fed up with the "airport-tennis syndrome"."

In Wimbledon, it's business as usual, interrupted by more than frequent bursts of rain. Since the players are given 15 minutes prior notice to come out on court, the ball boys take a welcome break from their duties and catch up on the players' latest scandals in the tabloids

leagne was Marc Rosset of Switzerland, timed at 132.50 mph. Seeded players Michael Stich and Andre Agassi were timed at 128.75 mph. Goran Ivanisevic had a serve at 123.12 mph and Becker at 125 mph. LendI was timed at 119.37 mph. There's a real 'war game' going on out there.

## WIMBLEDON

1991

N Monday July 16. 1877 it was raining That is a fact. Whether eventual champion. Wimbledon's first, Spencer W. Gore was himing has not been confirmed. But 114 years later it was still raining, and while Gore may have played serabble in 1877, in 1991 it was all Andre's attire and Seles' segret.

The Las Vegas ballboy called in turn a 'twerp', an 'ozone dude', a 'teenager (the word is self explanatory), a bozo, is probably all those things, but also a product marketed with typical showbiz slickness.

Andre, the antisocial. skipped Wimbledon in 1988-89 90, which according to the outraged American press was like skipping the super bowl. Agassi. coyly smirked he needed to get stronger, which the Press pooli poolied numediately, their contention being he was scared, didn't like the all-white rule, was a twerp, an ozone dude, a teenager, a bozo....Phew-Somehow you got the leeling Andre was unloved.

On television Agassi says, "Yeah, image is everything." This guy was a Las Vegas ballboy? No, he's a masterpiece of marketing...

So was Bollettieri, Nick the former paratrooper. messing up his protege? Or were Phil, Bill and Gil lopsided in their management of this psychedelic kid? (note: Phil is Phil Agassi, Bill is agent Bill Shelton, and Gil is fitness trainer Gil Reves) Everybody thought so, but maybe everybody, in Andre's English, had missed the scene, man'. He could be right Had Andre the-amazing played Winibledon all those years we would have missed the hype of 1991. And the hype is so unnvalled that if Wimbledon was little less stiff-collared they would put the 'coming of Agassi' into their compediums on the championships history. For the truth is, this guy



The talking points of the week



# ANDRE'S ATT & SELES' SECR



who ain't no contender (but will do better than people expect or want) is the biggest news in London town. Even better, with Nike executives literally guarding his clothes round the clock, what he would wear became more important than whether the queen should pay tax.

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mystery.

Undaunted, the WTA slapped a 6000 dollar fine on Seles for withdrawing, since the one 'free medical withdrawal' she is entitled was already used up.

In the present circumstances Seles must be hugely disappointed at missing a shot at the Grand Slam, but it is her future that matters more and former burnout kid Tracy Austin says Seles



Monica Seles: punishing herself with too much tennis?

marketing.

Perhaps Monica Seles could learn from him. 'She won't answer her phone', said Gerry Smith, chief executive of the Women's Tennis Association, and he hardly looked pleased.

Seles's agent Stephanie Tolleson informed the All England Club that Monica was withdrawing through injury, but the where, when and what was never explained.

'Knee' said the newspapers. 'Related to shin splints' said Gerry Smith, but with no one answering the phone it became a full fledged could be in danger unless she cuts down her punishing schedule.

Said Ms Austin,
"Young girls these days
are playing so many
exhibitions and one
night stands, it's
unbelievable. Monica
should remember how
young she is and should
regulate how often she
plays. When you get
involved in exhibition
matches day after day it
takes an awful lot out of
your body."

Therein, perhaps, the reason for Seles' unexplained secrecy.

ROHIT BRIJNATH, WIMBLEDON

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1991

## COURT QUOTES

ANY, many years ago in the wild, passionate, flower-child 60's a veteran British journalist, discretion demands anonymity, woke up early in the morning to a knock on his door. It was Paris in springtime and a time for surprises. For in the doorway stood one of the world's leading female players, whose identity he obviously is reluctant to disclose, for she was clad in a sheer silk peignoir. Confused and disoriented, unaware what to think, the journalist invited her for a cup of tea and the situation, who knows if there was to be one, was defused.

This short, short story, while an exaggeration of the relationship between players and journalists, does illustrate to a certain degree how comfortable both were in each other's presence. It was a time of subtlety, when scribes were too civilized to pry into private lives, too proper to indulge in gossip, more concerned with the tennis being played on court. This earned them the players'trust. And in roadside cafes and on courtside benches, journalists and players would converse convivially.

None of this exists now. With exhibitions, charity appearances, exhausting training and punishing schedules, players have minimal time for such so-called 'indulgences'. A word more from an agent's vocabulary than from his. Agents, a rather parasitic breed, are manipulators of an extraordinary degree,

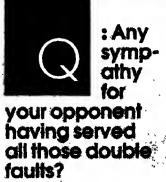
controlling a player to the extent of deciding which newspaper is worthy of being allowed an interview. In the 1990s to arrange an interview, you don't call a player, you call his agent, often with a checkbook close at hand.

In the player's defence, the Press gang has grown too large to accommodate and in many cases, too awkward and dangerous to be given a private Interview.

The player-journalist combine, barring a few exceptions, was an uneasy alliance and became one of the reasons for the

If players are not the most reasonable of persons, neither is the Press...





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post-match Press conference, to assuage every ego, balance the situation and allow any and every journalist an opportunity to question a player.

At every tournament, whether ATP or ATF, it is mandatory for a player to attend a Press conference; should he desire not to, as has been the case, he is fined.

The result is sometimes interesting, rarely fun, often chaotic, infrequently violent and too frequently stupid.

The only incidence of violence, an oft-repeated incident, occurred at Wimbledon of all places and the cause, (need one add?) was John McEnroc.

As a British reporter assaulted McEnroe with a barrage of what appeared needless

questions—the American contingent expressed their displeasure, which, when unheeded, resulted in the Brit being involved in floor-level, scrambling fisticulis with an American counterpart. No wonder then last year when McEnroe, lost in Wimbledon's maze of corridors, entered the Press room by mistake and was told where he was, he mumbled. "That explains the funny smell."

Sometimes reluctant to provide information, the players are at times uncivil and rude. In the players' defence, many of the questions posed





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border on the absurd. Take this scenario. Stefan Edberg wins a five-set Wimbledon final. blows kisses to his girlfriend, has a quick shower, has his head still in the heavens, and is then asked. 'How do you feel?' Should he say Terrible?

How far a journal can go is difficult to say-must questions be kept in context, meaning ask only about the day's play? Yet, if Steffi's personal problems affect her game, like last year, is it necessary for the authorities to insist she will not talk about it?' Yet isn't it relevant?

Again, must reporters ask questions simply to pass time? Must they goad a player simply to elicit a reaction and unnecessarily raise his hackles? That nothing has changed is perfectly illustrated by some excerpts from interviews from Wimbledon'91

JOHN MCENROE (AFTER DEFEATING JAIME ONCINS)

Q: Any sympathy for your opponent having served all those double faults (13)?

A: Yes. I feel quite bad for him. I wish he had aced me on those points instead. Q: John, You were quoted before the tournament as saying that this or next year could be your last?

A: No. I didn't say this. I said next year.

Q: That is how you feel?

A: That is how I feel.

MARTINA NAVRATILOVA (DEFEATED ELNA REINACH)

Q: Are you able to keep the legal problems in your life out of this championships?

A: I don't see lawyers hitting the ball out there. Elna may be studying law, but l don't know!

**PAT CASH** 

Q: If you didn't end up practising yesterday, how did you pass the time. What exactly did you do?

A: Well, geez, I don't know really. I think I played a bit of guitar or something. I don't know. You know, I'm a newly-wed. Anything else?

Q: It must be frustrating being a grass court specialist. To come up against a

A: I thought I got rid of that brand 'grass court specialist'. A grass court specialist to me sounds like someone who doesn't play on anything but grass. Q: Do you enjoy losing?

A: No. I hate losing. Who likes losing?

ARANTXA SANCHEZ VICARIO (DEFEATED BARBRA RITTER)

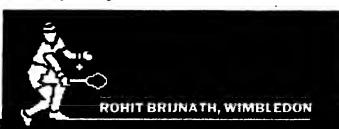
Q: I saw the match. Please tell me if you still have the two dogs which were given to you after the French Championships?

A: Yes, I have

Q: Thank you.

A: Strange.

The player is not the world's most sensible or reasonable or cultured person. Sometimes neither is the Press.





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## DECLINING

GRAF

ROHIT BRINJATH joins the Steffi debate



WELVE

months ago, as an uncompromising German press and an inquisitive public, chartered every move Peter Graf made and recorded every reaction of his daughter, the intolerable pressure forced young Ms Graf to snap, 'I am thinking of moving and living elsewhere'.

Now twelve months later, a day after Peter

Graf actually admitted he and Nicole Me i sner had 'a brief affair but without much feeling', there are unconfirmed rumors that Steffi Graf, unable to shrug off her past and her anxiety is buying a one million pound flat in Monte Carlo. And you can be sure it is not the tax benefits but the privacy, which is luring her away from Germany.

Yet, sympathy aside. Graf does not hold the patent on persecution. Too often in the sports history, has a champion been subjected to such an endless inquisition. Yet never before has external pressure played such havoc with a champion's career.

Martina Navratilova faced unending public scorn for her sexual preferences but found the courage to endure. Billie Jean King's affair with her secretary Marilyn Barnett. received undue publicity but hardly hurt her game. John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors were ruthlessly indicted for their unruly behaviour, poor sportsmanship and manipulative manner yet hardly faltered. Ivan Lendl's stone-face look, robotic style and foreign

persona made him unloved and unappreciated. He succumbed to the scorn initially but his commitment eventually won every one over.

Big Bill Tilden, a sad, lonely homosexual in the late 1920s and 1930s died in the solitary confines of his hotel room. Over 60-years-old and en route to yet another tournament, he was hardly accepted by the American public. But though wounded he never stopped winning. Guillermo Vilas, fined and suspended for taking illegal guarantee

money in the early 1980s, never recovered from the slur, yet while his career careened downhill the best years of Vilas' were already over.

Pressure then is not Graf's sole domain. Worse, she is exhibiting a frailty under pressure

not associated with champions, and it is evident, so perfectly and harshly reflected in her game. Strange then the coincidence that both Germans, Becker and Graf, face a similar predicament. Becker fled to Monte Carlo chasing anonymity and Graf is following suit. Becker's game is believed to have lost its potency in tight situations and so too Graf's. Becker is more articulate admitting his 'Head is not right' at times, but from the tightlipped Graf no such explanation is forthcoming.

Champions win on self belief—the knowledge that at 30-40 the shot will come. Nerves, pressure, sweat is a shared commodity between all players. Yet some succumb while others conquer it. Elna Reinach admitted she was 'too scared to win' when leading Martina



## "I KNEW THE OPPOS

From this low, the path

can surely only lead

upwards for Steffi

here were predictions that Graf would dominate women's tennis for at least a decade but Steffi herself was not that confident. 'I always knew it wasn't going to be easy, I knew the opposition would get tougher and tougher.'

Peanut Louie Harper put the feelings of the lesser pros well. When Steffl was winning 6-0, 6-0 people were scared of her. Then when they started to get three games they weren't afraid. She is still a superwoman, but not an extra-superwoman.

Navratilova in the third set of the first round match this year. Martina admitted she was 'scared of losing' too. Yet Martina managed her fear, Reinach did not. And so where in this equation is Steffi Graf?

Leaving the argument of changing her game aside, Graf has beaten Seles and SanchezVicario simply with that serve and forehand. Yet not when it matters most. It is as if that cloak of invincibility has slipped. In her three best years, 1987-88-89, Graflost a total of 7 matches. Last year. 1990, she lost 5. This year she has already lost 6 times: once to Novotna. once to Sanchez-Vicario and four times to Sabatini. It is not a kind statistic.

There were years when the only statistic relevant to report a Graf match was the time. Under 60 minutes was to shrug off her past and her anxiety, is buying a million pound flat in Monte Carlo. And you can bet it is not the tax benefits but the privacy that is luring her away

par, anything over meant an inspired opponent. For example, in 1988, in her six matches before the Wimbledon final she lost a ridiculous 17 games for an average score of just under 6-1, 6-2 a match. She still wins early matches with such vulgar ease but at the semi-final and final stage suddenly displays a hesitancy, unable to hurdle the obstacles or

low self-confidence in her mind. Did the pack catch up or did she come back to the pack?

'I don't know', said Gabriela Sabatini. 'I think both things happened probably. For myself I think I am playing much better against her. I have improved my game very much and that is why I win so many matches against her.'

Graf is only 22 years old, too premature to enter her in history. The phenomenon that she is. is related really to heraccelerated rate of success. She has been playing top level competitive tennis for barely 6 years, hardly a long period by any standard, yet in that time span recorded enormous achievements. Now the production line has stopped. Almost too abruptly. If 1991 remains barren, Graf would have gone 24

months without a substantial victory, for her Australian Open win in January 1990 against Mary Jo Fernandez can hardly be classified as anything special.

Changing coach Pavel Slozil, put forth as an alternative, has suddenly been given a new angle. Slozil and Peter Graf apparently do not quite agree on each other's advice to Steffl, and no capable coach would take the job unless Peter Graf's non-interference was a clause.

What has not changed is that Graf must alter her game, primarily like Sabatini, she must erase her fear of the net.

It has now become a tense waiting game, Graf's calibre as a champion on the line. Will she falter or can she turn it around? Wimbledon could hold tennis' most important answer.

## **10N WOULD GET TOUGHER"**

Not enough of a superwoman, however, to stay ahead of a surging Seles, who took over the number one spot on 11 March. It think I can get it back, was Graf's immediate reaction. It's not hard for me to deal with. It's not going to be a big problem.

The problem has, perhaps, been bigger than Steffi expected. The girl who likes to distance herself from professional colleagues, who says 'I play a match and leave right away to get as far from the courts as possible', who seeks relaxation in photography and the paintings of Salvador Dali, discovered that staying in touch with the top has not been simple.

'A changing of the guard always gets attention,' said Martina Navratilova, the No 1 for five years until Graf's ascendancy. Any time a streak is broken it creates tension. And, she might have added, hope.

Steffi Graf has won three tournaments so far this year, beating Seles in the finals of two and Sanchez, her Paris tormentor, in the other. But she went into Wimbledon having lost six of her 38 matches, more than in the whole of last year and

only one fewer than in her great three-year run. Sabatini and Novotna devised ways to restrict and counter it. Pam Shriver, one of the shrewdest of professionals, says: 'Steffi used to dictate in every match from the first ball to the last. Now, if people have a weapon and they can take the play to her, they have a chance. It used to be that only two or three players had any chance. Now there are five or six with a good chance and another three or four who have a chance if they play well.'

In the opinion of Bulgaria's Katerina Maleeva. who has yet to beat Graf: 'I don't think Steffi is less nowerful. I think we are more powerful.'

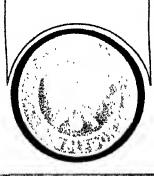
This year brought the low point of Graf's career when the girl who had cleaned the clock of so many seemingly hypnotised opponents was herself wiped out 6-0 6-2 by Sanchez, the one-girl armoured division, in Paris. From there the path can surely only lead upwards. If Steffi can rediscover confidence and form on the grass where she won in 1988 and again the following year she could prove herself resilient enough to take the title again.

Ron Atkin

WIMBLEDON

1991

How Pete Sampras has changed from a goody to just another greedy youngster





Pete Sampras: The days of playing the good boy next door seems to be over HE'S

Question:
What do Mark
Vermans, Rodopihe
Gilbert, Derrick
Rostagno, Karel
Novacek, Fabrice
Santoro, Theirry
Champion and Mark
Keil have in common?
They are all tennis

players. Very funny.

HE answer though is less amusing. Each one of them has been responsible in 1991 for gradually shattering the illusion that once was Pete Sampras.

The kid with the shy smile, the Exocet serve, has been losing with such alarming regularity that it is almost unreal that 9 months ago he was US Open champion.

There's nothing as fame too fast, too early, too young. But there's definitely something as fame that short circuits the mind. Call it losing perspective.

Here was this smooth-stroking, blushing-talking, playing-winning, apple-pie American kid with a dad called Soteriois and a paediatrician as a coach. He was perfect. He played perfect-like 100 aces at the US open, not 99, not 101. And he said perfect things, 'My

heroes are Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall.' A boy who respected tradition, who revered past heroes, not some unholy punk like Andre.

How could anybody not love him?

Here's how.

With endorsement money flowing in like water from a dam burst, Sampras cold shouldered the tour and dived headfirst into the whirlpool of exhibitions. Which is okay, but when your physique is as frail as his, that becomes not okay. Problem was, with his shin splints and everything, Sampras should have been gathering his fragile body for the Grand Slams instead of missing them, as he did in Australia, because he was getting injured in exhibitions.

That was poor strategy and worse, wrote American. Bud Collins, 'when a friend chastised Sampras about this exhibition overkill and said, "A lot of people care for you Pete, and hope you'll take care of yourself. You could be a great player one day," Sampras' only reaction was 'could be?'

Sampras then further eroded his reputation by scorning tradition and contradicting all he said about Laver and Rosewall, by refusing US Davis Cup captain



Tom Gorman's invitation to play against Spain some weeks ago.

Gorman, who has been previously insulted by young American upstarts David Wheaton. Jim Courier and Andre Agassi by their disinterest in Davis Cup play, said bluntly. With all this big money I'm not surprised by anything that kids do today'.

Gorman was being kind, but American flag bearer and Davis Cup veteran John McEnroe was not. 'Pete's either getting bad advice or not thinking straight. There's no law that says you have to play for your country—but why wouldn't you want to?

Nevertheless the Davis Cup is a personal business, and Sampras insisted he wanted to practice on English grass during that period. He began by

losing to self coniessed 'unknown' Mark Keil, a fellow better known for breaking his foot every six months, but did better to reach the finals at Manchester where he lost four and four against Goran lyanisevic.

Whatever happens at Wimbledon could be irrelevant in a sense for Sampras, for in a few months the cycle will have come full circle and, at the US Open, he will be under terrific scrutiny. Not only is his game in disarray (but he is young and has time) but his image is far more tarnished and far less cleaner. Sport, he must know, is not a forgiving business.

Only 19, Pete Sampras is learning that fame is fine but fame is also demanding, if he is to be a great player as he believes as many also do, he must fulfill them.

Rohit Brijnath, London



BY JAMES RUBIN

# Berlin

WHEN IT COMES TO PLAYING **TENNIS AND EARNING A** FEW MARKS, GERMANY IS IN A LEAGUE BY ITSELF...

SMALL replica of the Statue of Liberty, her torch replaced by a tennis racket, should stand in the middle of Frankfurt International Airport. On its crown an inscription should read: "Give me your recent college All-Americans yearning to get their professional careers launched. Give me your expatriot Czechs and your struggling Yugoslavs. Give me your homesick New Zealanders and Australians, and South Africans with limited travel privileges."

Welcome to Germany, the land of *lederbosen* (those funny leather pants that yodelers wear), dark beer, Steffi Graf and Boris Becker (not necessarily in that order), and now the unofficial center of the tennis world. Even its professional tennis leagues are both a boon and last bastion for players of ail rankings, nationalities, ages and ambitions.

The 20,000-team. pyramid-shaped leagues trace their humble beginnings to interclub matches played in Berlin just before the turn of the century. The leagues took on a more formal posture after World War I and blossomed into their present format during the early seventies. (The top league is the 10-team

Bundesliga, or national division.) Today, the players come mostly for the money (sponsors include Mercedes-Benz and Bayer). which, in most cases, means putting their salaries toward making it on the pro tour.

"I think it's a great thing. particularly if you need the money." says Philip Johnson, 26. a former All-American at the University of Georgia who plays No. 1 singles for a third-division team in Bielefeld.

With more than 60 per cent of ATP Tour events now staged in Europe, making ends meet is particularly challenging for Americans who make three or four transatlantic trips per year. Even without the flights, annual expenses for players like Johnson, whose mid-200 ranking forces him to qualify for most major tournaments, can be as much as \$40,000.

"in the United States you get out of college and you either make it or you go to work," says George Pascal, 29, a player-coach for Bad Nauheim since 1984. "Team tennis provides the perfect support network for players-financial backing. clothing and racket coaching, contracts.

According to Pascal, who

attended Mercy College in New York, the No. 1 player on a third-division team can earn as much as \$20,000 for a seven-match season, although the average is closer to \$10,000. Many clubs also provide extras such as airplane tickets and the use of cars and apartments. The higher the division, the better the contract and perks.

Top foreigners in the Bundesliga, among them Mats Wilander, Thomas Muster, Jan Gunnarsson, Andrei Cherkasov, Wally Masur and Diego Perez, have reportedly earned more than \$10,000 per match. (Foreigners, by the way, must appear in at least two matches during the regular season in order to qualify to play in the playoffs). And talk about popularity! Despite prices that range from 25 to 50 marks (\$15 to \$25) per ticket, a team in Mannheim averages close to 5,000 spectators per match.

(Women's teams, even those in the first division, have not yet generated as much interest as their male counterparts and rarely pay their players more than

\$3,000 for a season.)

Yet money isn't the only attraction. Sporting club 1880 Frankfurt (the number stands for the year the club was founded),

now the unofficial centre of the tennis world...

## An Offer I Couldn't Refuse

Most players first find out about clubs in Germany through contacts with other players or by playing tournaments there. My case was no different.

I was playing a satellite tournament in Portugal in 1983. I had just finished practising when a German player mentioned that his club was looking for a foreigner. One month later I signed a contract to play for a team in Marburg, a town smack in the middle of the country that counts a 1,000-year-old castle among its many Medieval trappings.

A few weeks later, while in France. I received an offer from a club there, but it didn't come close to matching the financial benefits of my Marburg deal. I shouldn't have been surprised. "It's not like in Germany," explains Christopher Fagmiez of the French Tennis Federation. "In France, the clubs don't pay a lot of money."

Nevertheless, many talented Frenchmen play for first-and second-division squads, including Guy Forget, the world's No. 20 player whose Racing Club of France team won its eighth European championship this year.

Spain's traditional champion.
Real Barcelona (with Emilio and
Javier Sanchez), is one of the
Racing Club's flercest rivals,
although the majority of Spanish
teams don't pay their players.
Belgium and Holland support
more meager leagues.

Switzerland, whose best teams pay up to \$9,000 for a seven-match season, comes closest to the German model. But not, apparently, close enough: Its best player. Marc Rosset, now competes for Bamberg in the Bundesliga.

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## THE ALMIGHTY DEUTSCHE MARK

While the Bundesliga offers pros yet another arena for profitable employment, it can also lead to questionable behaviour by those who try to mix team play with the ATP and ITF circuits. Do some players compromise themselves by trying to grab from both?

Take the case of Soviet left-hander Alexander Volkov, a one-day sensation at the 1990 U.S. Open when be felled No. 1-seed Stefan Edberg in the first round. Did he tank his second round match to Todd Witsken in order to fulfil his contract with Berlin's Rot-Weiss Club that week?

Only Volkov knows for sure. But his hectic travel schedule looked suspicious. The 23-year-old flew from Berlin to New York and lost in the opening round of the (non-ATP) Tournament of Champions the week prior to the Open. Thus he collected first-round loser money, plus a possible guarantee. He quickly flew back to play weekend matches for his German club. which may pay him as much as \$30,000 for the short season. Volkov then returned to New York and beat Edberg on the first Tuesday. (Does this show that jet lag is overrated?) Despite a fine display against Edberg, earning him \$8,697, Volkov evinced only lukewarm hope of going much farther in the Open. He didn't, and was soon on another Berlin. bound-jet.

"Volkov's under contract to Rot-Weiss, and they expect him to honour that contract, US Open or no US Open," says a German source.

An easy-money club match more important than the U.S. Open? "In this case yes," says the source.

**Bud Collins** 



Regionaliga, or second-division team, features a pair of 21-year-old Czechs, Libor Nemecek and Radek Zahraj, who defected to Germany in 1986 to escape the then stifling rules and travelling restrictions behind the Iron Curtain, Henri De Wet, a 28-year-old South African who was ranked 150th in the world in '84, was frustrated by his inability to travel to countries that opposed apartheid. "Playing for a team was a way for me to gain access," says De Wet, who represents a team near Dusseldorf and hopes one day to be granted German citizenship.

For Steve Guy, 31, a New Zealand Davis Cupper once ranked No. 109 in the world, team tennis means a home away from home-and a way to save on \$2,000 round-trip airfares. Guy was given an apartment, conveniently located just a few feet from the courts, and though he occasionally complains about missing his family, he has come to enjoy a cultural education that includes a generous supply of weizen (wheat) beer.

Yugoslav Vlado Zibrat also suffers from homesickness, despite the fact that he brought his wife and 2-year-oid son to live with him in Marburg, where he plays for a fourth-division team. Zibrat, who at one time was ranked eighth in his country, is one of about 50 Yugoslavian players in Germany. The vast majority of them hold no illusions about their playing careers. They have one basic goal: to make more money in Germany than they could ever earn back home.

"Yugoslavia has club tennis, but even the best players don't get paid," says Zibrat, 31, who has already in 'vested some of his German marks in real estate near his hometown of Maribor, just across the Austrian border. He plans to leave Germany in two years.

Gideon Hilb, Frankfurt's coach and a former Bundesliga player, says that, with few exceptions, German players are paid more than the foreigners. In addition, Pascal says the system can "spoil"



Thomas Muster: one of the top money-makers in the Bundesliga

young players, who are more concerned with maintaining their rankings and lucrative contracts than developing their games. "They grow afraid of losing and don't play as much," Pascal laments.

That's not the case with Patrick Kuhnen, Germany's fifth-ranked player. The 1988 Wimbledon quarterfinalist played No. 2 singles for Frankfurt this year, investing the money he made to further his fledgling career. "It's lot of fun playing team tennis," says Kuhnen, 24, playing down the

money factor. "The pressure is not as much as it is when you're playing on the circuit."

Don't try to convince Eliot
Teltscher Two years ago.
the three-time US Open
quarterfinalist lost a Bundesliga
match to Henrik Sundstrom, 6-0.
6-0. Never mind that Teltscher
was in semi-retirement at the
time. The Frankfurt papers
screamed about how the
American wasn't trying. But
Teltscher showed'em. The next
day he went out and lost to Jonas
Svensson, 6-4, 6-3



Curtiey Ambrose is still a lethal weapon

"The Windies tour management must stimulate the players to think positively and play to their potential. The senior players must set the example to improve morale as they have potential to come back and win the series"

**Tony Cozier** 

SECOND TEST

TOMMY HINDLE

## LESSONS IN THE

The rained-out match provided interesting insights into both sides

## WINDIES IN ENGLAND

t was the best of times. it was the worst of times in the second Test at Lord's. Elegant strokes and nimble footwork of Carl Hooper, pugnacious batting of the master blaster Vivian Richards, the raw courage and ravishing square cuts of Robin Smith and a hostile spell from Curtley Ambrose were cricketing visions to cherish. A midsummer night's dream come true. But the fickle English weather had the last laugh. Incessant rain washed away the fourth day's play and only 29 balls were possible on the last day. It was a match full of cricket's glorious uncertainty. At the end both skippers felt they were in with a chance. Until the weather broke-'the vengeance of the almighty,' said some who abhor Test play on Sunday-the suspense of an exciting finish was imminent.

As always the Lord's Test was the piece de resistance of England's summer sporting circuit; Ascot, Wimbledon and the Henley Royal Regatta. It was not so much a cricket match, but a social occasion. The top hat, bow tie or three piece suits, brollies of all colours and shapely blondes and brunettes, in the latest fashionable dresses were as much a feast to the eye as some of the sumptious cricket. Feminists may detest it, but Lord's is the last bastion of tradition. Women are still not allowed in the famous long room. Still Lord's is nowadays quite democratic. The West Indian supporters disdain tradition and formal attire. They came in jeans and T-shirts, colourful sweaters and anoraks. Both sets of supporters had plenty to cheer about in a very honourable draw.

The scheduled visit of the Queen on the last day of the match did not take place due to the rain. Instead both teams went to tea at Buckingham Palace. The debate about the possible result continued even

RAIN!

with the royalty. Anticipated future skipper of the Windies, Desmond Haynes said, "If play had been possible on the fourth day, we could have scored about 300 runs and with a first innings lead of 65 runs, could have declared and put England under pressure on the last day." The dour and phlegmatic Gooch countered. "It was overcast and cloudy. If it had not rained we could have dismissed Windies under 200 runs in their second knock as we had the right bowlers Pringle and DeFreitas for these conditions. After all they struggled to 12 for 2 in just thirty minutes of play on the last day. We bat better in such conditions and could have chased 250 runs for a win in the second

The match provided some interesting insights into both sides. Aquery on

Robin Smith's century saved England as did the rain



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everybody's lips is, will the Windies stage a comeback or is the formidable side on the decline? Thoughtful fast bowler Courtney Walsh dismisses allegations about being on the decline. He says, "I have heard this theory ever since Clive Lloyd retired. We lost the opening Tests against both Pakistan and England but did not lose the series. Similarly we had a shaky opener versus Australia at home but came back to dominate them and win the series. It will be the same here."

However ex-skipper Clive Lloyd made a pertinent point. "A disturbing factor is that Windies cannot run through the opposition as before. At both Headingley. Leed's and at Lord's England were reelini at 121 for 6 and 84 for 5 but recovered to make a comfortable score. Also Logie, Simmons and Richardson are still to adapt to the cold and wet conditions which has weakened the batting."

At Lord's the Windies for once seemed: bowler short. Ambrose is still lethal. Boycott rates his face high rising deliveries and fast yorkers as amongst the best he has seen. His opening spell or the afternoon of the second day was as menacing or destructive as any scud or patriot missile. The doven of cricket writers, E.W. Swanton says. "As for Ambrose, I have seen little fast bowling a Lord's more demanding than his opening spell here. Yes, I would rate him more hostile than Hall and Griffiths here in 1963 or Keith Miller back in 1956." But Ambrose did not have the support from the other end to trigger a collapse. Walsh has lost rhythm, is troubled with his run up and appears jaded. Marshall is still ar intelligent bowler who troubles batsmen with his variations but is no more a strik bowler. Debutant Ian Allen has a whippy action and is nippy, a bit like Marshall or his first tour to India in 1978. His time will come but yet he lacks the calibre to run through Test sides. Benaud describing Allen's action says, "He does not have a full circle of the arm and is loose shouldered but does not use his body much.

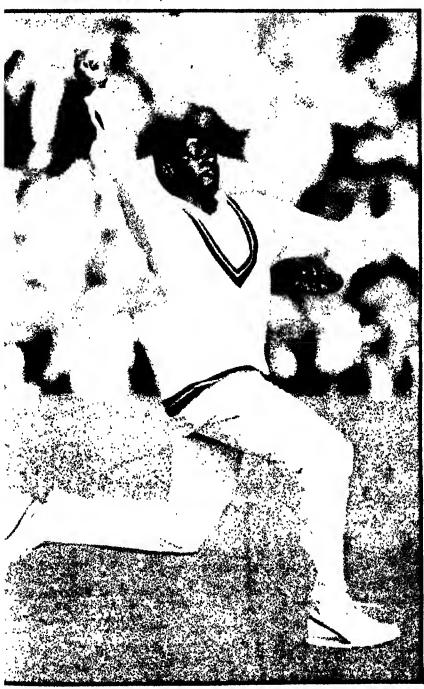
The Windies missed Patrick Patterson who is nursing a calf muscle injury. Manager Lance Gibbs hinted, "If Patterson does not recover fully by the Trent Bridge Test, we may think of flying out lan Bishop who is reported to be fully fit."

In their first innings, England were tottering at 16 for 3 and 84 for 5 but recovered to 354 all out. Robin Smith wa England's saviour with his 5th Test century and highest score of 148 not out studded with 20 fours off 271 balls. The pugnacious Smith swayed away from the rising delivery, pulled and square cut ferociously and was strong off his feet. When a follow-on seemed inevitable. Smith and Russell revived fortunes with courageous 96 runs stand for the sixth wicket. English eyes were smiling again at Lord's. Did Smith and Russell bat brilliantly or did the famed Windies pace quartet lack the hostility of yore? This query will remain one of cricket's

unresolved conflicts.

It was noticeable that Ambrose's line was disrupted when bowling to the left handed Jack Russell. This set England's selectors thinking. Ted Dexter indicated, "We may insert a lefthanded opener Mark Benson or Hugh Morris with Gooch for the third Test at Trent Bridge." Who then will get the axe? Atherton the heir apparent to England's captaincy, the much vaunted Hick and Alan Lamb have totalled a meagre 37 runs from nine innings so far. How long will England continue with what Dexter describes as

Windles' debutant bowler lan Allen



"a policy of faith." Maybe Lamb, out of favour after his casino haunting 'Down Under' last winter, is nearing the end of a tempestuous Test career. The bowling in a wet summer is adequate with DeFreitas at last fulfilling his potential and Pringle maturing into what Boycott describes as a "useful seamer with his gentle, teasing, swinging deliveries."

But what about Windies? Will Viv Richards end his reign as the only Windies skipper to remain undefeated in a Test series? Experienced Tony Cozier says, "Eighteen months ago we were in a similar situation in the Caribbean, one down against England, with two to go after rain had saved Windies from a 2-0 deficit. The end result was 2-1 in Windies favour. The tour management Gibbs, Richards and Haynes must stimulate the players to think positively and play to their potential. So far, except for a session here and there, they have been well below par. The senior players must set the example to improve morale as they have potential to come back and win the series." Cozier at least believes that history has an uncanny way of repeating itself.

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# Hammer VIN



MARAN KHAN watching the current West Indies-England series, proposes some changes in the Caribbean lineup for them to recapture their former glory...

HEN the Pakistan team arrived in England on the 1987 tour my greatest worry was to survive the June Test matches with our confidence intact

The first two Tests for me were crucial because usually in June there is a fair amount of cloud cover and plenty of fresh grass on the pitches and in the outfield As a result, the ball moves off the wicket all day long, more so than any country in the world except New Zealand. and most overseas batsmen who have not played in England tend to struggle in these conditions

Our batting in the first

Test at Old Trafford was collapsing when rain came to our rescue. The second Test was washed out before we could bat The sun came out in July and we dominated the remaining three Tests, except for one cloudy morning at Edgbaston where the ball suddenly began to move and we were in danger of losing the Test as our batting collapsed. it was something like the way the West Indies batted at the Leeds Test on the last day.

The West indies' best hope in the first Test was for the three batsmen with experience of county cricket to make a significant contribution. Out of them only Richards was in form and a certainty to play. Haynes was short of match practice and Greenidge was injured.

Indeed, the West Indian batamen were lucky that on the Headingley pitch they did not have to lace seam bowlers of the calibre of Geoff Arnold and Mike Hendrick Both were masters of seaming wickets and I played against them at Headingley in the 1970s, when on different occasions both made a powerful batting line-up look like a bunch of novices

There was some criticism of the Headingley pitch which I felt was unfair Certainly there was uneven bounce but it was slow bounce and hence not dangerous. The movement was only partly due to the pitch, it was more due to the cloud cover and to the dampness.

England are on a high and their fielding looked like it did when I came to England on my first tour in 1971. Our senior players used to tell us not to bother to look back if you edged a ball, just to walk straight the pavilion.

The West Indians have got themselves in a mess at the moment because of an injury to Greenidge. They should not drop Hooper as I feel he has immense potential and is capable of playing a matchwinning innings.

They should instead change the batting combination.
Richardson should open with Haynes because, firstly, he is in excellent form and, secondly, the change from No.3 to opening is only psychological—and he used to open before he played Test cricket.

The time has come for Richards to but at No. 3. His team need him to take on the opposition before the presents builds up on the lasting linear. After Goodie heroic effort is Hendingles Dichards

should realise that a captain very rarely succeeds in leading from behind.

Also, he must realise that bowlers and captains go on the defensive much more readily when a batsmark attacks with only one wicket down, rather than when they are three wickets down

I also think the time has come to play the promising Lara Of what I saw of him on his Test debut in Lahore he seemed to have a lot of potential.

The West Indies' greatest worry, apart irom the weather, is Graham Gooch I must say it is amazing why someone with his ability hasn t been a greater

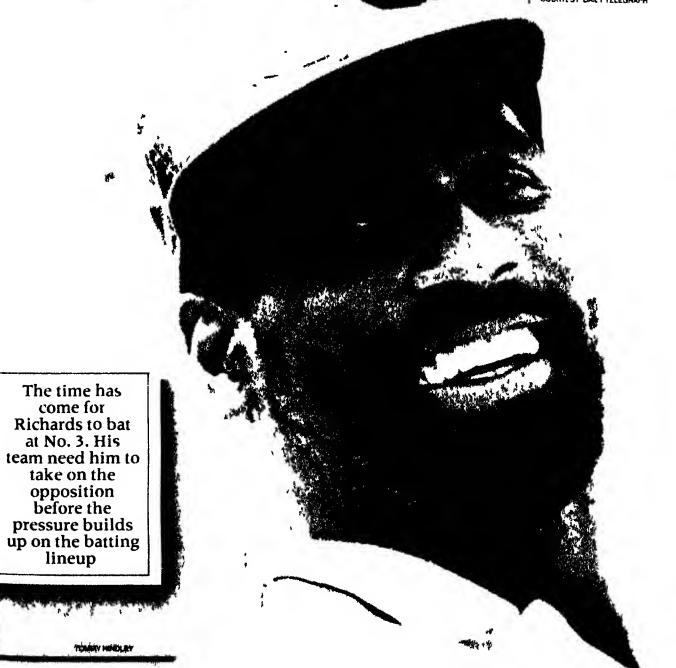
success in Test cricket.

I remember him scoring 198 in a 55-over Benson and Hedges match against Sussex in 1982 it was the type of innings which only Viv Richards, Gordon Greenidge or Zaheer Abbas, during my cricketing career, could

have played It was one of the most devastating innings I have ever seen in one-day cricket

His greatness lies in the fact that he has scored runs against good Test bowling attacks Yet what I find so amazing is that someone with his talent should so often lack confidence in himself

He should now not lack confidence but go for the kill COURTESY DAILY TELEGRAPH



### SHITTOINI

HEN Sachin Tendulkar received his Higher Secondary results and he found out that he had failed by six marks, he. saw red. He went to the **Bombay University** campus and asked for a re-check of the papers. And since he was such a famous young person. the University authorities went into a tizzy. They agreed to the re-check immediately and they also allowed him into the room where it was being done. Professor Gokuldas Pattulos. well-known lecturer in mathematics was doing the re-check. Sachin stood nearby, in a pinstripe suit and a red tie, sipping the drink of the new generation from a flask and periodically freshening up with Brut. Why is the room so

Why is the room so hot? he asked Prof. Gokuldas.

The Professor, a balding man, in his late fifties and with thick spectacles on his nose, looked up from over the top of the specs and said. There is a fan in the room.

'Yeah' Sachin said, looking up at the slow moving blades of an 18th century fan and said, 'why can't you aircondition the place? I can't imagine that I studied in an University where there are no air conditioners.'

Where do you stay?'

'In Bombay, where else ? replied Sachin.

Oh, replied the Prof.
the way you were
speaking, it would seem
as if you were staying in
Boston or Florids.



# When Sachin Fell Six Short!

Sachin did not say anything. He looked down at his Gued shoes and decided that he needed another pair to match the colour of his suit.

The Prof. meanwhile. was looking at his answers and then he began to giggle. He put a hand over his mouth but somehow the giggle came through and sounded like a squeak in the room.

What's the matter, asked Sachin. And you could see that he was mad by the way that his lips pursed up in a thin line and a frown crupted on his forehead.



Well, no, it's furny. When asked which is the capital of Denmark, you have answered Oman.

What's so funny about that?' asked Sachin,' I find nothing funny in that.'

'I don't want to discourage you,but Oman is a country in the Middle East and has nothing to do with Denmark.'

'Hey listen, you smart aleck, do you know how

to square drive? said Sachin, suddenly aggressive

No replied the Prof.

'Have you faced Abdul Qadir. Do you know that I have swatted him over long on for a six in Pakistan.'

'I am sorry,' the Prof replied, 'I don't understand. Was Qadir an examiner in your oral exams?'

The Prof again began to concentrate on the answer sheet and this time, his giggle burst intoloud laughter.

'Now what's the matter?' asked Sachin.

Well, replied the Prof.
I have never come across
an answer like this.
When asked about what
you think about the
Middle East position.

you said that you have never tried it. The Prof giggled again and Sachin was puzzled.

I am the best-eighteen-year-old cricketer in the country and it does not matter at all that I don't know the capital of Benmark or Renmark or Zenmark, said Sachin, 'It doesn't matter that I don't know anything about the Middle East position. Okay, tell me, how do you go home?"

Prof. Gokuldas
Pattulos looked at
Sachin amazed. He
realised that the young
man was in an extremely
belligerent mood and he
knew that he had to be
careful with the answers.

Well, replied Prof. Gokuldas Pattulous, Igo home by bicycle.

'Ha', said Sachin. 'and you know how I go home. In a heavenly blue Maruti. That's the difference. Got it? I have a music system in the car. I have a compact disc system at home.'

But the Prof. interrupted him and said. 'Can I ask you a question?'

Sachin was nonplussed for a moment and then he said, 'Go ahead man, go ahead.'

'Could you tell me who became Prime Minister after Indira Gandhi was assassinated?'

For a few seconds, there was a silence in the room, except for the creaking of the fan blades above his head. Sachin thought hard. He scratched his head with his fingers; then he cracked a knackle

Taminot sure. Is it Rajiv something or what? Man, does it matter. I san the bost bat in the country. I mean, do you know that at eighteen, I am already employed at Sungrace Mafatlais and that I earn a five figure salary? What does it matter who the Prime Minister is? You get the point?"

But Prof. Gokuldas Pattulos was busy looking at an answer

sheet and once again, there was a smile on his face. But Sachin had enough.

I don't want to hear my answers' he said, but all I can say is this. For a gay who scores a six every time he gets on a cricket pitch, it's humiliating to fail by six marks.

The Prof. wiped his face with a handkerchief and said. I have bad news for you. I have re-checked the papers and there has been a wrong calculation in your maths paper. Instead of getting six, you were marked stay six.

Here, see it, and Sachin saw that indecitit was true. The addition of the marks was wrong.

'Okay,' he said, digging into his wallet, 'how much?'

Whatever you desire' the Prof meekly replied.

Sachin gave him a hundred buck note and said. Bye bye, See you. I don't care. I am going to Australia next season and that's it. I don't care about my HS results.

Prof. Gokuldas
Pattulos pocketed the
hundred rupee note and
said, 'Hope you have a
good time in Melbourne.'

What Melbourne, Telbourne, said Sachin, with disgust, as he turned towards the door, 'never heard of the place, I'm going to Australia!

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## GERMAN ATHLETICS

# UNITED WE FALL

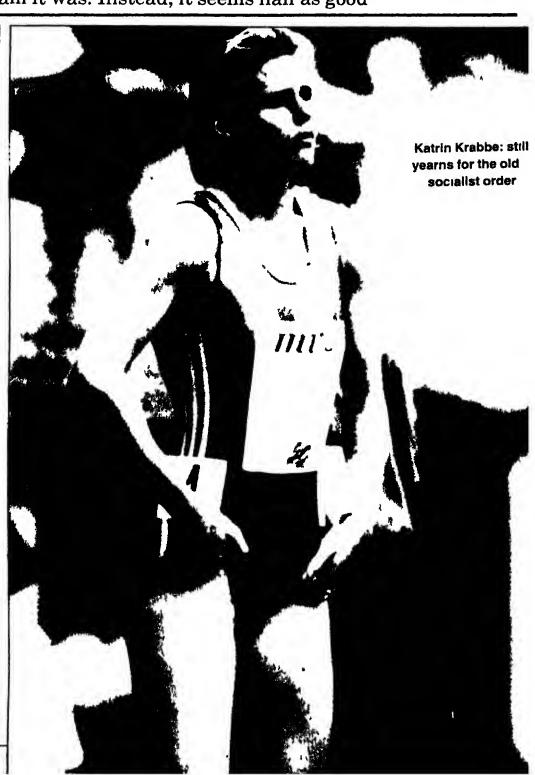
Unification does not appear to have made Germany twice the team it was. Instead, it seems half as good

X Olympian Professor Mantred Steinbach a sports manager at the Federal Ministry of Health in Bonn predicted that Eight to twelve gold medals are possible for a united Germany at the 1991 **LAAF World** Championships in Tokyo However the golden dream for German athletics may not materialise

The major snag being the athletes from the erstwhile Eastern sector (till 1990 the formidable GDR) have not adapted to the free market economy and different attitudes to training Without the crutch of State support many renowned former Dast German athletes are struggling Unification does not appear to have made Germany twice the team it was but half as good

This was evident in the recent Dairy Crest Games at Crystal Palace London The first international between United Germany and Britain since 1939 Britain won the men sevent by a solitary point

Three time world record holder in the shot put. Udo Beyer was beaten to third place by 21 year-old Matthew. Simson Beyer who has heaved the shot over 22



metres, could just manage 19.12 metres at Crystal Palace. An unknown Englishman, Jonathan Edwards beat former world junior record holder, Voker Mai in the triple jump to third place. The British men won ten events to Germany's seven.

The German women triumphed by 169 points to 133 but victory was not as overwhelming as expected.

The biggest surprise was the eclipse of world record holder Sabine Busch in the 400 metres hurdles. A couple of years ago, Busch elocked a remarkable 53.24 secs. for the distance. At London, she was four seconds adrift of that time, coming fourth.

Why has united Germany not become the expected athletic giants?

Last year in the European Championships at Split, Yugoslavia, the GDR athletes won 12 gold out of 34 medals making the current debacle mystifying.

1988 Olympic javelin throw gold medallist Petra Felke was unperturbed. She stressed. "We have not yet peaked and will peak for the World Championships at Tokyo in Aug. '91." But is it so simple?

Lack of camaraderie is evident in the German team. The former West German athletes have little sympathy for the ex-GDR athletes. Some of the more cynical even said, "More rigorous drug testing is exposing the once wonderful GDR athletes."



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However, Frank Dick, Britain's chief coach of athletics was more charitable. He says, "Athletes from East Germany are learning to stand on their own feet for the first time in a system which is alien to them and they are struggling to adapt."

The European 400 metres women's

champion, Gritt Breuer, another East German sensation, standing nearby nodded and said, "We're not such an organised group as before and our goals are more individual." Strongman Udo Beyer admitted some difficulty in coping with the effects of capitalism and the gospel of the free market economy "There's no free lunch", he said.

Yes, many GDR athletes still hanker for the old world order when 600 full-time trainers regulated their lifestyle and the State looked after expenses. Even sprint queen Katrin Krabbe, with an annual income of £ 250,000 and a sponsored Mercedes yearns for the old order.

Krabbe, with the looks of a Sabatini and the muscles of a Navratilova, says, "The athletic success of East Germany was a result of the social system we had. We were successful

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in sport, because of how society was organised. People who criticise it are jealous of its success. Why do people hint at doping when mentioning our successes? Why not about the USA, where more athletes have been caught doping than in our country? That's a little bit strange to my mind."

Krabbe feels that the individual choice and wealth she has achieved in a year are not worth the price. She has received death threats which have scared her and is unused to altered training schedules to suit the demands of corporate hospitality. The athletes of erstwhile East Germany still face teething problems in the changed ideology of united Germany which seems to have temporarily marred their usual brilliance in track and field.

Novy Kapadia, London

**FOCUS** 

# IN THE BASKET!

The game of basketball celebrates the hundreth anniversary of its invention



## Unlike football, basketball since its creation has kept changing its own rules; always with the aim of finding the best solution



Aztecs: "pok-ta pok" or "Tlatchli". The ball they used was made of rubber and the game, which was part of religious ritual, took place on a part surrounded by walls with two rings at the two ends at least three metres from the ground. The ball's trajectory expressed the pendular movements of the heavenly bodies as the Mayas imagined them. The ball could bounce while in play and the players (three or four) could only strike it with the elbow, the hip or the knee. As a result, the game was often dangerous, and doubtless curious to watch.

ENTURIES later, at a college in the North East of the Unites States, the young students used to get bored in their gym lessons during the winter. After much searching for a remedy, they were invited to put a ball through a ring. In this way, modern basketball was born, one hundred years ago.

It was at the YMCA international training college in Springfield, Massachussets that basketball's modern history began. The school prepared its students to teach physical education by means of all-round sports training including track, cycling, team sports like rugby and, of course, gymnastics, which, by virtue of the suppleness it induces, constitutes the ABC of all sport...and like the ABC, it is not very exciting, especially when the New England winters keep you inside for months on end.

After all the techniques of the Cld World had been tried in turn and neither the Swedish method nor the French programme had succeeded in putting these spirited young men on their mettle, the need for a new game became apparent: a team game which could be practised indoors.

The students grew impatient and rebellious and inspiration failed a number of teachers faced with the problem. Finally, the class fell into the hands of Dr Naismith. This man knew what his pupils needed and, what is more, shared their distaste for gymnastics. His first measure was the abolition of all apparatus and floor exercises. This was a little high handed of him, no doubt, but had the immediate advantage of winning over his audience.

The problem still remained and Naismith quickly realised that outdoor team games would be difficult to

## "A game created for the love of human relations into which the athletes can put all their physical, moral and spiritual strength without the excesses..."—Naismith



of principles which reflect his practical and pedagogical approach: an enclosed space and a positive spirit: the players as a free individual, all of whose contacts must pass through the ball. His five initial premises were as follows: 1) This sport shall be played with a round ball, with the hands; 2) Each player may move wherever and whenever he wishes on the court, but 3) he may not walk with the ball, and 4) there shall be no personal contact between the players. Finally 5), the goal will be high up and horizontal to the ground. Thus, Naismith left the players free to move around as far as possible, but in an enclosed space, it was obviously impossible to play with the foot, and spontaneous movements obviously had to be tightly controlled. He then added 13 fundamental, descriptive rules to these five essential points.

After a long period of experimentation, the transition was made from an instinctive idea of the sport to a very well thought-out game based on quasi-scientific principles. As for the philosophy behind it, we may quote the words of Naismith

Basketball made its first Olympic appearance in Berlin in 1936 (inset) Basketball celebrates its 100th birthday! The sport as seen by Catalan artist Arranz-Bravo

himself: "A game created for the love of human relations into which the athletes can put all their physical, moral and spiritual strength without the excesses which could make it an instrument of the devil".

The students were happy and the school syllabus offered them a new activity for the winter which gave them sufficient physical training and, at the same time, demanded of the pupil in his handling of the ball, his movements around the court and his attempts to score by shooting the ball through a high, narrow basket, sufficient efforts, both physical and mental, in terms of suppleness, tactics and

#### "This sport, with its speed, uncertainty and tension up to the last second and unexpected changes in the outcome, corresponds to our modern way of life."—Stankovic

#### Harlem Globetrotters, the ambassadors of basketball have helped propagate the game all over the world

concentration. There were 18 pupils in the class, so Naismith divided them into two teams of nine: three forwards, three centres,three backs. A game had been born.

Basketball—the name was not hard to find—was embraced enthusiastically by the universities and other training colleges, given the great demand there. Women's colleges, too, were not slow in joining the craze. The YMCA and YWCA network played a major role in the propagation of the game. The story may sound almost too good to be true, but it is a fact that few sports have been as successful. Less than three years later, it arrived in Europe, where the first match was played in Paris. In 1991, again in Paris, the first international tournament was held among American, Italian and French teams.

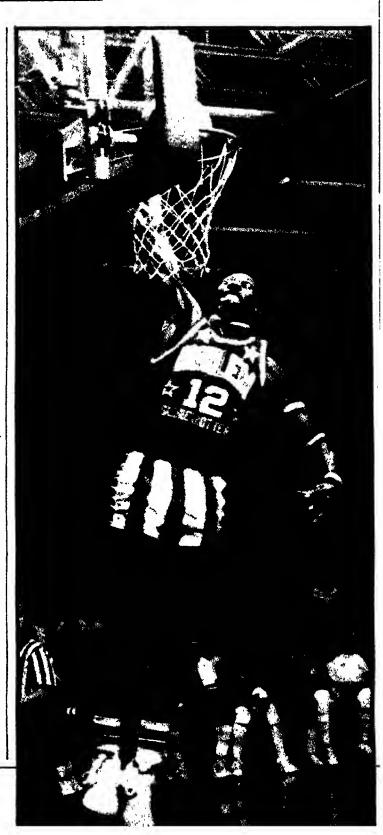
For all its initial success, basketball expanded slowly thereafter. First of all, it had to break out of the narrow confines of the sports colleges. It was not until the 1920s that it came to be considered as a real sport. Nevertheless, the game still came under the tutelage of another federation, the Handball Federation. Until, one day in 1932, the basketball officials went before the IHF congress meeting in Stockholm to ask for their independence, which was granted.

The new federation, created in Geneva the same year around eight federation (ARG, GRE, ITA, POR, ROM, SUI, TCH and Lithuania), with Leon Bouffard of Geneva at its head, was quickly recognised by the IOC and succeeded in getting its sport on the programme of the Games of the XI Olympiad. That is how basketball came to be played at the Games for the first time in Berlin in 1936.

Unlike football, basketball since its creation has kept changing its own rules; the game has constantly evolved and the rules have followed its developments, always with the aim of finding the best solutions, as the federation's Secretary-General, Mr Boris Stankovic, IOC member in Yugoslavia, observed: The rules of the game must also ensure equal chances for all the players, and size should not remain determining. It is skill, tactics and strategy that should give one player an advantage over another."

FIBA estimates that two hundred and fifty million people regularly play basketball. The figure speaks volumes and is a splendid illustration of just how well, as Mr Stankovic puts it, "this sport, with its speed, uncertainty and tension up to the last second, with rapid and unexpected changes in outcome, corresponds to our modern way of life". 

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HE SUMMER OF '91 finally moved into top gear at Bangalore and even though halfway through already, it surprisingly seems to be lacking lustre. In the earlier years, races like the Summer Classics had a lot of buildup and hype, making them the most awaited events on the Summer Racing calendar. But this time races like the Fillies Trial and the Colts Trial seemed to pass off with a bit of a whimper. Almost as if you hardly knew that they had been run. The turnout on both days at Bangalore was surprisingly low and one sincerely hopes that on Derby Day the Bangalore Turf Club can reproduce a little more excitement which seems to have gone out of its life at the moment.

The race for the Professional Championships during the 24-day Summer Meeting has over the years produced some pulsating finishes. It's one of the most important and prestigious seasons of the year with the best trainers and jockeys in the country competing for honours. Amongst

Looking into the distance for an answer: Trainer Rashid Byramji hasn't been able to get his act together this season the trainers, two men have emerged making the Summer a duel of sorts somewhat in the same league of an Edberg and Becker Wimbledon final. The two in question are Rashid Byramji and Zahreer Darashah. They have played out some epic five setters before and the outcome is really looked forward to.

The 1991 Championship however looks like its all over in straight sets. There are still 11 days of racing left, but to all intents and purposes Zahreer Darashah seems to have won the first two sets and is now serving for the match. He has already led in 20 winners, while Rashid is yet to cross the double figure mark and is 15 behind his adversary. It's been one of those off seasons for Byramji who simply hasn't been able to get his game going while Darashah has probably never had it so good.

This in effect seems to have taken the zing out of the championship and the jockeys playoff presents an identical scenario. Where it used to be a fourway contest, almost fought out in a style that went back to the days of the Quadrangulars, 1991 seems to be the year of Warren Singh. The retained rider to the Darashah stable has never ridden better and he heads the jockey's table with 25 winners, more than 10 ahead of his nearest rival Robin Corner. Warren

Heavy rain,
a low turnout
and a lack
of hype has made
the Summer
racing at
Bangalore a
boring affair



punctuated his lead with a splendid quartet on June 23 where he truly excelled and the best compliment he could have received came from Mr Y.M. Chaudhry, one of Bombay's leading owners and a man who knows what he is talking about when it concerns racing. He told me that Warren Singh was riding brilliantly and he was easily the best rider in Bangalore at present and statistics seem to substantiate what Y.M. said. Robin is going to find it tough to get out of

this corner if he wants to be a champion this season.

But enough on the professional front, let's now shift our attention to the Maharaja's Cup, one of the most important races of the Summer, as rich in history and tradition as it is monetarily. A Grade Il Weight for Age with penalties, the Maharaja's Cup has

Romantic Dancer (shead)
seems to be the hot favourite for
the Maharaja's Cup

been won by some of the best horses that ever graced the Indian Turf. Brave Dancer, Royal Tern, Track Lightning. Own Opinion. Squanderer and Camino are some of the few all-time greats who have won the Maharaja's and now on Sunday, July 7, '91 a new name will be added to that distinguished roll of honour.

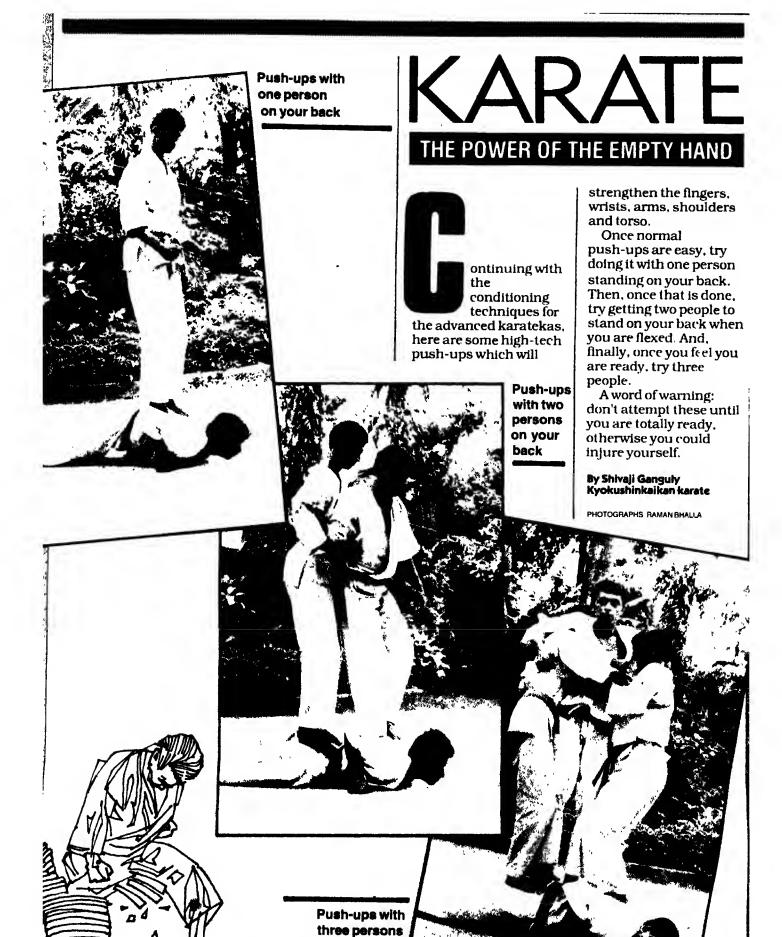
Run over a distance of 2000 metres, the race looks to be a rematch of the 1990 Bangalore Derby between Romantic Dancer and Star Contender. Both will carry 60 kg. as per the Terms and it promises to be an exciting and engaging battle. Both have had one start this season and in that essay Romantic Dancer was third, 2 lengths to the good of Star Contender who was fourth.

On that showing, the Dancer ought to repeat, but I do not subscribe to that view. Star Contender could well turn the tables because he has more scope to improve on the last run. He looked as though he badly needed that race, a fact that was apparent from the betting. Star Contender was quoted at odds of more than 10 to 1 while Romantic was fancied at fives. Further, Star's stablemate Oxford Blue was the favourite and stable lockey Corner had opted to ride that. Lastly Star Contender did not look fit. He was gross and the run should have brought him on enough to reverse that two length deficit on Romantic Dancer.

There is a thtrd horse in the race too and that's Basque who is in rousing form and was unlucky to go down last time out when running with the same set of horses. With a 6 kg. pull on the weights he is bound to be a force to be reckoned with and although he is 6-years-old, two years older than the above mentioned duo, he is quite capable to upsetting the pair if the race is run to his liking.



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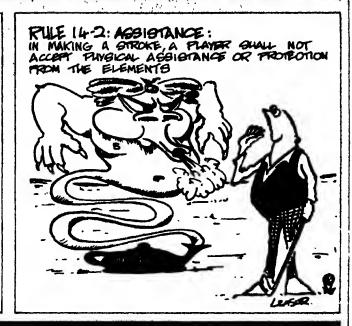


on your back

#### THE FUNNY SIDE OF GOLF

RLLE 24-1: MOVABLE OBSTRUCTION:
IF THE BALL HER IN OR ON THE OBSTRUCTION,
THE BALL MAY BE LIFTED, WITHOUT PENAUTY,
AND THE OBSTRUCTION REMOVED





#### **MILESTONES**

**TO SKIP:** Both Martina Navratilova and Gabriela Sabatini, the 1992 Olympics. To qualify for the Olympics they have to play in the Federation Cup World Team Championships and both the players declined the offer.

TO PARTICIPATE: An 18 member team from India in the 15th Asian Boxing Championships to be held in Manila from July 8 to July 15.

WON: By Martina Navratilova her 156th career singles titles and her 10th Eastbourne women's title when she defeated Arantxa Sanchez in the final. RECORD SET: In the 300mts by John Regis of U.K at an international meet in Belfast, He clocked 31.99 secs.

RECORD SET: By Mariene Ottey of Jamaica, when she set the best timing in the year for the 200 mts. At the Berlin International Athletics Meet, she clocked 22.05 secs.

TAKIN OVER: The Tottenham Hotspurs club by Perry Venables and Allan Sugar for a reported amount of seven million pounds. Venables prime Job now will be to see that Gascoigne does not leave the club.

FINED: Monica Soles by the WTA for pulling out of Wimbledon on short notice and that too after the draw was declared.

ANNOUNCED: A 119 member US team for the World Track and Field Championships to be held in Tokyo. Among them are Leroy Burrell, Jackie Joyner Kersee, Carl Lewis and Greg Foster.

BANNED: The Argentinian youth football team from the next World Cup in Australia after they got into brawis in their match against Portugal in this year's championship.

MANUED: Sanjay Manjrekar to Madhurt Bhide in Bombay: The couple have since embarked on a two manual honeymach trivic London.



Former body building champion, and movie star Arnold Schwargenagijur fives up to his responsibilities as the head at the U.S. President's Health Couniell. Here he helps out at the Special Summer Olympics for the handlesspood in Minespotts, Minespotts.

# HEAMED

OST of us never give our immune

systems a second thought. The soldiers of our body-they're always waging a constant fight against the thousands of foreign bodies that

threaten to invade our body and make us fall sick. These invaders wreak havoc and make us susceptible to diseases ranging from the common cold to the most dreaded AIDS.

We at all times behave like we have no control over these warriors. Agreed that modern medicine with it's hitech techniques has found a cure to most illnesses that ail humans, but we ourselves can slow down the attack of illnesses by controlling our immune systems.

Now the medical community is finally sitting up and taking notice of the ways in which a patient's psychological state affects his health, and how the body can use tt's own power to heal itself. Called psychonueroimmunologv(PNI for short), this field concentrates on the complicated interplay between the mind (psycho), the brain (neuro) and the immune system (tmmuriology). These medical practitioners are trying to prove that our thoughts, feelings and other mental activities can increase and at times smother our natural resistance to

illness.

Ever wonder why it took so long for these changes to appear on the medical horizon? Reason: till now no one could actually pinpoint the actual relation between the brain and the immune system. Now scientists have proved beyond doubt that the mind and the immune system do physically communicate with each other.

In the areas of the brain that control emotions, are receptors for chemicals secreted by the immune system and the nerve cells. The immune system likewise has the same receivers for chemicals that are secreted by the brain and the nerve cells.

Normally when our bodtes are attacked by a hostile invader such as a virus, the immune system's killer cells are swiftly put into action to repel and climinate these outside bodies. But when our emotions are in a state of disarray—that is when we are angry, emottonally low or overstressed—the body goes into a state of fight-or-fight

uncertainity, and in effect pumps out the hormones adrenaline and cortisol. When these hormones are secreted over a period of time, it interferes with the proper functioning of the immune system.

A definite link has been established between a healthy personality, an optimistic attitude and a healthy, vigorous immune system. When

the mind is depressed or repressed these killer cells of the immune system are less active than normal.

All of us are much stronger than we believe. Normally in times of stress or grief we sit back and wonder how much better life would been without the troubles. We allow ourselves to become both mentally and physically weak, and as a result fall

Exercise: the best way to drive away the blues



# BODY CONFICTION

victim to one ailment of the other

At times it helps to regard stress as a challenge rather than an inhibiting factor. When overcome by the deteatist attitude one do shot scan the possibilities that are open to them, it is then that the body is at it's vulnerable worst, and is easify susceptible to the invading viruses.

Compassion and personal comage both go a long way in countering illness. Most people do not realise the importance of reaching out to other people. Hey we are not asking you to be a Mother Teresa, but

then no person is so short an compassion that he can the genumely useful to others around lam. When we reach out to others and try to help them out we are putting aside our troubles for some time and that goes a fong way in keeping us stress free

Here are some recommendations for boosting the immune system. I we without paine and fear. The more afraid you are of the petty things in life, the more stressed you are

tlave confidence in yourself the moment you have enough self confidence the world becomes a better place to like in You start to think about the problems you can tackle and the mountains that you can move The more positively you think the more you enjoy living and this directly increases the efficiency of the immune system

PNI works effectively in ticating in some cases even curing some diseases Repressing anger fosters the development of certain illnesses called autoimmune diseases where the body's mmune system goes for a six and you are laid down with illnesses While supressing hostility is dangerous giving vent to the technigs ean be extremely difficult in fact excress is one of the easiest and most effective way to blowout the stress from the body it is equally dangerous if you give up a training schedule halfway through When you are excreising you are taking of the frustrations from within But if you give up the regimen then the negative feelings do not have a vent out and then gnawing on the immune system makes you suffer in the long run

Once the vent ts sealed, the trouble begins as the pressure starts to build up Anyone who has exercised at some form

or the other will youch for thts Halfway through a good workout feelings of euphoria and confidence surge through the mind This feeling is often relemed to as the runner's high This is because a substance known as B endorphin is produced and this helps the miniune system to boostitself Avigorous workout stimulates the special set of immune bolstering cells to gic ater effectiveness

Another very effective way to take out those irustrating feelings is to write them down Writing in private affords its the opportunity to be honest and the best part of the whole deal is that the papers can be destroyed once you've finished That way no one knows about your personal trauma and you end up feeling much lighter

Another very important aspect of the PNI is the role of relaxation. Set aside a time in the day when you can really let your hair down and relax. Quiet stretching deep breathing meditation and visualts ation are great stress reducers.

A word of caution before we wind off PNI is not proved to be total immunity cuhancing but they surely do enhance the quality of life And that we presume is reason enough to embrace them

Never say no to thrills and spills in life



# EADER

#### QUESTIONS

. Name the Indians who were runners-up in the junior Wimbledon category?

. Who was the Lirst Indian to be seeded at Wimbledon?

 Name the great **O**Wimbledon champion who. after winning Wimbledon five times in a row, switched to a successful golf career, became an international hockey player and also won laurels in skating and

archery. 4. Who was the tirst man to win all three titles at the first Wimbledon championships? 5. Who said, "I have no close friends in the

circuit. That made me unhappy at first, but I realise it is necessary if I am to get to the top."

6. Which tenms about another, "Everytien" see persier stroulders are about three inches wider, I was growing too at her

age, but enough's enough."

. Name the three men beaten in a Wimbledon singles final by John McEnroe?

8. This tennis player won eight

Withbledon Chanipionships between 1927 and 1938. For 35 successive matches she did not lose a set. Who is she?

**ANSWERS** 

- Premjit Lall Jaideep Mukherjea Ashok Amritraj
- Dilip Bose
- Charlotte Dodd
- Don Budge in 1937
- Boris Becker
- Pam Shriver on Gabriela Sabatini
- Bjorn Borg Jimmy Connois and Chris Lewis Helen Wills Moody
- As a result of the suspension of Niki Pilic of Yugoslavia by the ILTF and refusal of his entry by the Wimbledon authorities
- 10 This marked the only occasion when three brothers (Anand Vijay and Ashok Amritial) took part in the same championship in the same year 11 Egypt
- The Doherty brothers and the Renshaw twins
  The American duo of Bob Lutz and Dick Stockton
- 14 John and Tracy Austin
- 15 Elisworth Vines

THIS QUIZ HAS BEEN **COMPILED BY:** 

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9. Why was there a boycott of the Wimbledon championships in 1973 by the ATP?

). What unique feat was performed by the three Indians when they took part at the US Open and Wimbledon in the years 1974, 1975 and 1976?

1. The Czech tennis player Jaroslav Drobný won the singles title at Wimbledon in 1954. But which country was he representing at that time?

2. After which famous players of yestervears are the entrance gates at the All-England

Club named? 13 Against Which pair did Vijay and Anand Amritrai win the veteran's over-35 doubles title in the 1989 Wimbledon championships?

4. Which is the only brother-sister pair to have won a mixed doubles title at Wimbledon?

5. Name the American who was 1932 Wimbledon champion and also a world champion in golf?

#### FLAGGING OFF DISGUST

#### A supporter vents his fire

TALY's lootball history had another chapter written up when a soccer lan was charged with disrespect to the country's flag. This is how he went about paying homage: he burnt the flag after Italy's defeat on penalties by Argentina in the last World Cup. The people bringing in the charges found the offence to be serious—and in any other country it would have been—but the magistrate in Cagliari thought otherwise.

The character was let off without punishment: "He was not showing any disrespect to the nation as such. The reason he was burning his flag was to show his disapproval to the young men in shorts and socks and the Italian Football Federation," said the judge. Case dismissed.



Better golf

E would like to reveal a well kept sporting secret to you guys, this week. Why do American golfers keep losing periodically to their European counterparts? The answer: because they don't wear warm clothes. Lee Trevino—a golfer himself—had this point of view when he gave an interview to Golf Monthly magazine, recently.

"If we get an inch of rain in the States, play is called off for the day. Not in Europe, even if the bunkers are filled with water. And do you know. I've always said that European golfers play better because they play with so many clothes on." And what do they wear? "Long sleeved shirts, three sweaters, insulated undies and even raingear. Those guys didn't know how good they were till they came over to Britain and started pulling that stuff on," said Trevino.

A man is certainly known by the clothes he wears. Make that ditto for the European golfers.





#### A SPORTING GUIDE

To painful injuries

HE theme here is injuries. People say that they play sport to keep fit but the better you are at your sport, the more your life is surrounded by painful injuries. These injuries can be as painful as they can be kidicrous. Take Ayrton Senna for example. This super speedster got 20 stitches on his head after taking undue liberties with of all things, a jetski. We thought he could handle that.

Another contender is Carl Thackeray, a 10,000m athlete, but not so high profile. He managed an injury by falling into a cactus. This fall got him skin rash, but he had recovered as of latest reports.

All this was, however, upstaged by a certain Mr. Willie McBrinn, who holds the British Marathon record for the over 60s. McBrinn sustained injuries while pulling a rabbit out of a hat. Peculiar, we hear you say. Well, McBrinn is a magician by profession and was posing for grundek photographs. In his efforts to slick up his act and please the photographer. McBrinn lelimera frace. We could go on but we'll hold buck the laugus. Suffice to say that McBrinn recovered and went on to break a record two wasts later. Major, eh!

#### ROUNDUP

#### CALCUTTA

#### Kalyan Jayant T.T.

THERE was no stopping Pridip Simant rafter Ganesh Kundu the State smost accomplished table terms player let him off the hook in a semi-linal match of the Kalyan Jayant Fible Terms Chain pionships held at the Khudu am Amusil in kendi a Samant reventually did win the title but not before Saligna's voinig Souvik Deystretched the final to a five gaine all in

The women's findwas one sided with Kakoli Koley after a pittery start timed Alpinia Chanda in foing ance. Alpinia could hardly produce the form she displayed against former State champion. Chut di Das in the semi final match Koley's game became more aggressive as the match wore on and she went on to win 14-21-21-14-21-19 and 21-12

Kaly in Jay intristlic State's premer 1 I tournament the winners stand to gain crucial points and thristlic victory was of enormous vilue to Samanta.

the men shinal was a story of

Some of the winners in the Kalyan Jayant TT tournament fluctuaing lortunes. Both players were off to a fiery start and Saman tarceled off the first game in a pify two crucial circles allowed Souvik to restore parity and even take the lead. But Samanta started calling the shots again and had a 21-16-16-21-19-21-21-16-21-15 scorch ne to show at the cird.

Siltguith is been the cradle of tal ent in the State and it was proved once again as Souvik made almost all his rivals break out in a lot of sweat. The Lid's semi-linal win igainst Lushar Kanti Das was a thriller

5 manta put the reing on the cake by teaming up with P R Bancajec and prevailed over the A Das R Clark abouty pair 21-17-21-19 in the final

Anindy dal Chowdhury was the other one to win a double crown in the nicet. He disposed of Subrata Roy 21-19-21-8-18-21-21-15 in the boy s fin all and later to this drup with D. Chatterjee to clinch the boys doubles fin all

The tournament's other winners included Mohua Kar (girls singles) Souvik Basu Roy (sub jumor boys) Mithu Paul (sub jumor girls) Ambarish Chatterjee (cadet boys) Annidita Ganguly (cadet girls) Southersee and karabi Glosh (mixed doubles seniors)

Soumitra Bose



#### **NEW DELHI**

## National Junior Basketball

THE Abraham Memorial Trophy for the boys championship will stay in Madhya Pradesh for at least one more year. In the 42nd edition of the National Junior Basketball championship the defending champions subdued a fighting Tamil Nadu by the difference of just three points (59-56)

However Punjab were not so lucky in the girls section. They had to surrender their P.P. Devassey trophy to Maharashtra who also won the final by three points margin (52–49).

The nony of the final matches was that both the boys and girls losers led at half time. Iamil Nadu by two points (28-26) and Punjab by four points (26-22)

Andhra Pradesh who played superbly throughout the championship before losing to holders Madhya Pradesh in the semi-imal by two points (69-71) limally settled for a third place defeating Orissa 63-51

The finals in the boys and girls sections were literally hard fought ducts in which the teams deployed everything in their armoury Though Maharashtia in the girl's final began on a stormy note taking a 6 1 lead Punjab settled down to tie the score and take the lead (26 22) at the break In the second half Maharashtra players especially Sonal Kavde Neesha Tauro and Vaishali Angre played to the strategy of their coach Mukund Dhus who kept on shouting from the sideline. At the end Dhus said Though Host my voice I am glad we are champions

The story of the boys final would have been a different one had Tamil Nadu champions earlier, had not committed the tactical blunder of pacing down the game when MP started improving the score towards the end

Tamil Nadu, who were ahead 28 26 at half time shot into a 14 point lead in five minutes thanks to some brilliant efforts by M Quraishi Gindaran



#### The MP boys were the winners of the National Junior Basketball title

Swaminathan and Muralidaran. After some time, the defending champions brought parity at 47 with excellent shows from Virendra Joshi, Hanuwant Singh and Rajendra Singh.

After the score being again tied 49, Tamil Nadu forged ahead once more by two points, only to lose eight points in a row towards the end. Rajendra Singh levelled at 51 while Uday Yadav produced a spectacular burst of speed to collect three baskets in a span of few seconds.

Had Tamil Nadu. playing at high pace, slowed down at that time, it would have been anybody's match. With about five minutes left, Tamil Nadu also lost their dependable raider Giridaran through a fall and after a minute, Quraishi, an excellent all-rounder.

With these two out, the result became a forgone conclusion and MP wrapped up the match 59-56. For the winners, Virendra Joshi shot 25 points while Rajendra Singh contributed 17. Quraishi was the top-scorer for TN, getting 18 points, followed by Muralidaran 16 and Swaminathan 13

In all, there were about 100 matches in the eight-day tournament played on a league-cum-knockout basis. Twenty teams in the boys' section and 15 in the girls' section participated in the championship. While Manipur cried out at the last moment. Uttar Pradesh was debarred as two teams, fielded by two factions, staked their claim.

**A Correspondent** 

#### **CALCUTTA**

#### Five-A-Side Football

THE third Five-a-side Invitation Football tournament, organised by the Parsee Club, was won by Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation. They beat Howrah Union, 2-0 in the final.

Despite heavy ground conditions and a persistent rain, the CESC team shot into the lead early in the first half when Claudius Chow sent in a right footer which beat the Howran Union goalkeeper, B. Alexander, Later, Cecil Saviel scored the second goal for CESC.

For CESC, it was the duo of Saviel and Chow who posed a constant threat. On the other hand, Howrah

Union's Barry Saviel worked hard but his first time shots were saved brilliantly by the CESC custodian. A. Sarkar.

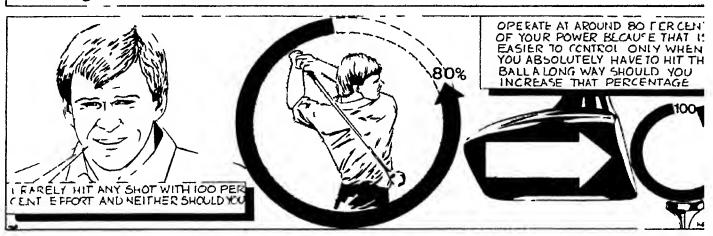
In the losers plate, Calcutta
Parsee Club, "Blue" were the
winners while Hongkong Bank 'B'
emerged the runners-up. The
Fairplay Trophy was won by Oberoi
Grand while A. Sarkar of CESC
won the best goalkeeper award.

The best player of the tournament was Barry Saviel of Howrah Union while Cecil Saviel was the highest scorer with eight goals to his credit.

**Rudolph Vance** 



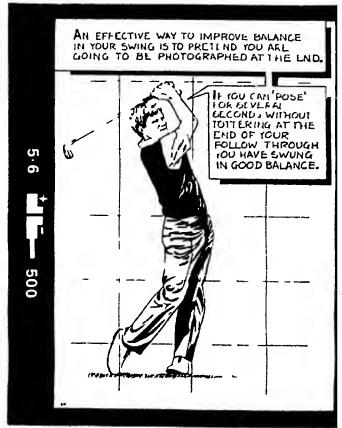
#### Swing at 80 Per Cent



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#### MAILBAG

## Too big for his boots?

NDRE AGASSI, though he has won nothing of consequence, has started behaving in a very high handed manner. He has already been labelled by writers as the punk in tennis. And now he has the audacity to call Phillipe Chatrier, 'a bozo', after Chatrier had criticised Agassi's attire

Wonder as to what his condition would be after he wins a couple of tournaments? Agreed that he is a player of calibre but will he grow up and prove to the world that he can be a responsible tennis player

SUKETU SHAH Bombay

#### Thanks!

HANKS for the superb Freewheeling on Andre Agassi by Pradeep Paul, in the issue dated The photograph for the poster in this issue is by Action Plus and the cover photograph is by Sports File

A couple of months back we carried the address of the Steffl Graf fan club. The address should have read; Michael Giesinger, Im Schletter 2. A-6844. Altach, Osterreich, Austria and not Germany as we had published. The error is regretted—Ed.

5-12 June No other Indian magazine has covered Andre Agassi so extensively Sportsworld has once again come out with a first, and continues to be the best sports magazine in the country Keep up the good work SUSMITA BASU.

Calcutta

#### Deserving I

THANKS a ton for the wonderful tribute that was given to the former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, by the magazine Sportsworld proved it yet again that it cares not only for the sportspersons but also for the sports lovers. Thanks and keep up the good work DEBADYUTI KARAN Asansol

### Make the dream come

1 991 saw a different Steffi A rejuvenated Steffi A player who had got over the problems that were plaguing her Ups and downs are surely a part of life but the fashion in which she was defeated in the French Open came as a real shock Let's hope that she linds her touch again and continues to enthrall tennis lovers again Maybe Steffi should look upon Martina as her role model, who could surely teach her a lesson on how to handle the pressures and celebrityhood

Come on Steffi, show us that you can do it yet again

AMITAVA BISWAS

Calcutta

Andre Agassi: Grow up, man. Grow up



#### QUIZ/CHESS/BRIDGE

#### QUIZ

#### **QUESTIONS**

- With what sport is the Calder Cup (or Calder Memorial Trophy) associated?
- For what do the initials 'NAYC' stand?
- 3. What is common to these football teams: Manchester United, Torino and Pakhtakor?
- 4. How many times did Joe Louis successfully defend his title?
- Who is the 'odd man out' of the following: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Witt Chamberlain. Babe Ruth and Bill Russell?
- 6. Who scored 6 goals in a F.A. Cup match and still finished on the losing side?

#### **ANSWERS**

- 1. Awarded annually in the National Hockey League of North America to the Rookie of the Year.
- 2. National Association of Young Cricketers (England).
- 3. The teams lost their star players in air crash (at different times).
- 4 Twenty-five times.
- Babe Ruth (who was a baseball player while all the others are basketballers).
- 6. Denis Law (Manchester City). He scored all 6 of City's goals against Luton Town in a fourth round match. The game was abandoned with City leading 6-2. Luton won the replay 3-1.

#### **CHESS**

Lately, after Linares and the Candidates, people are seriously talking about Ivanchuk's chances of being the next world champion. Kasparov is looking jaded and increasingly caught up in politics, Karpov is over the hill.

Nobody has ever doubted "Chukky's talent". His commitment and big match temperament seem to have improved. This was psychologically a very important win for him because he has never got the better of Anand in seven previous tries.

White: Anand Vs Black: Ivanchuk, Linares, '91.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bc4 e6 7 0-0 Be7 8 Bb3 0-0 9 f4 b5 10 f5 b4! This was Fischer's favourite variation with either colour. Ivanchuk is now the

leading expert and the only man in 20 years to improve on the great American's analysis, ressurrecting several forgotten lines.

The idea is to kick the knight away before black has to concede

the d5 point.

11 Na4 e5 12 Ne2 Bb7 13 Ng3 Nbd7. Black can't take the e4 pawn because of 13-Ne4 14 Ne4 Be4 15 Qg4 Bb7? 16 Bh6 Bf6 17 Bxg7 Bxg7 18 f6 with an overwhelming attack.

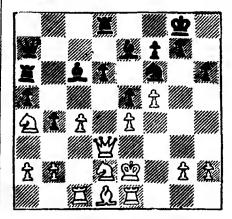
14 Qe1 a5 15 c4?! Qc7 Now black has an edge because the lightsquared bishop is self-blocked not to speak of various ghastly weaknesses.

16 Qe2 Rfc8 17 Bg5 Nc5 18 Rac1 h6 19 Be3 Ncd7! Again the c4 pawn is invulnerable because 19-Ne4 20 Nc4 Ne421 Nb6 wins an exchange But eventually the tactical tricks run out.

20 Bf2 Ra6 21 Rc2 Qb8! 22 Re1 Qa8 23 Qd3! Ng4 24 Nf1 Ndf6 25 Nd2 Nxf2 26 Kxf2 Bc6 27 Rc1 Qa7 28 Ke2 Rd8! 29 Bd1 (See diagram) d5!!

The apparently impossible break. Now white is cut up into little bits 30 ed5 Nxd5! 31 cd5 Rxd5 32 Qb3 Bg5! 33 Rc2 Bxd2 (0-1) After the forced 34 Rxd2 Bb5 white loses a lot of material.

#### Devangshu Datta



#### BRIDGE

Some people use the term'playing for fun' as an excuse for bad play. The point is that we all play the game for fun but enjoyment, at least to me, comes from good play all round the table. I enjoyed this hand from a recent rubber-bridge game even though declarer ultimately got the better of me:-

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North's bidding left a lot to be desired. Suppressing the spade length was a grave error and indeed it would have been much easier to make a game in spades. At his second turn North should have jumped to three spades, mvitational as the jump is mabd suit, but most rubber-bridge

players treat this as a game force which led North to raise the nunor and reach an inferior game.

As it was, tive diamonds was not a bad bet. As West, I started off with two rounds of clubs, South ruffing Now a diamond to the ace was followed by a heart to the king and ace. It seems the rest is easy for declarer but I returned a third club, giving declarer an useless ruff-and-discard. Note what this did to declarer. If he ruffed in hand, East would have an extra trump while if he ruffed in dummy, it would no longer be possible to finesse against East's guarded jack for want of a trump in dummy.

South, Madan Agarwal, an experienced rubber-bridge player, found an answer, though. He took care to rulf the third club in dimmy, throwing a heart from hand, cashed diamond king. noting the break, came up to the spade ace, cashed the remaining top hearts and fluessed the spade jack. Now when he played the spade king from dummy with a heart winner and queen-ten of trumps in hand. East had to throw in the towel for ruffing would be futile while discarding would only allow South to throw his heart and catch him in a trump coup at trick twelve.

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BRAD GILBERT, defends his competricts, and the hype that is accorded to termis stars these days.

JOHN LEOYD, after he rejected an offer to become the coach of the British Davis Cup team as a protest against the appointment of Richard Lews as Britain's new tennis chief.

#### VOICES

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LINFORD CHRISTIE, after Butch
Reynolds defied the ban and took
part in the US Championships. He
has still not forgiven Johnson
though.

won't be playing in 10 years time -definitely not. I said I would play until I was 30 and then see - and I'm still seeing. I honestly don't know when it will be time to quit. If the body holds up as it is right now, it could be another three years.

MARTINA NAVRATILOVA, feels that she still has some more to go

before she finally calls it a day.



THERE won't be a world record broken in the Olympic 400 mts unless I'm in the race.
BUTCH REYNOLDS, facing an international doping ban, is sure that he'll make if to the USA Olympic team.

I'M not fully convinced being ijust 1-0 down, how good England are. Only if they are still ahead at the end of the series will say that we were outgunned and that will be a pretty genuine feeling. I won't take anything away from their performance. But beware!

VIV RICHARDS even though he lost the first Test is still optimistic about the outcome of the series.

#### TENNIS PROFILE

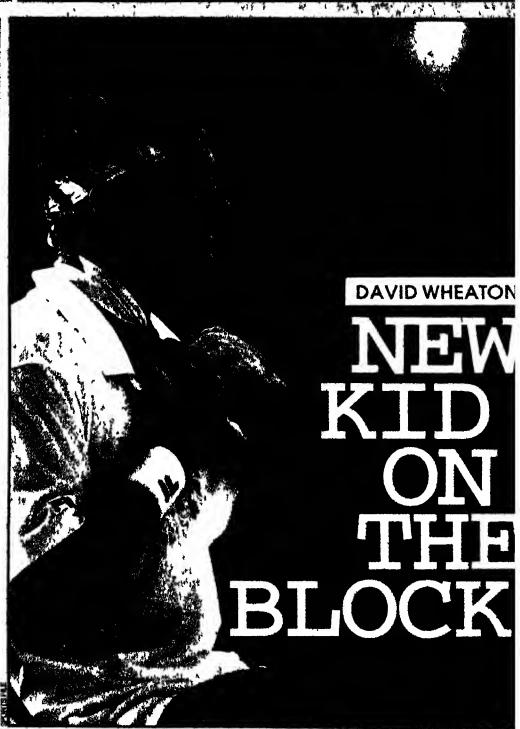
SK David Wheaton how much winning a Grand
Slam tournament
means to him and he replies. 'I'll have the choice of
winning 100 tour events or
one Grand Slam, I'll take the
Grand Slam,

Wheaton yearns for nothing less than a prominent place in tennis history "No one remembers who wins any particular tour event in any particular year But the Grand Slams are the complete history of the game.' he asserts That's really where the game has come from It sobvious to everyone - the players, the press. the fans - that the Grand Slams are the most important tournaments You want to win as many Grand Slams (as you can) to be remembered as possibly one of the greatest players who have played the game

World No 23 and rising. the just turned 22 Minne sotan peaked impressively at the Grand Slams last year, making the U.S and Australian Opens quarteriinals and the round of 16 at Wimbledon While he's been overshadowed by his good friends and young compatriots No 4 Andre Agassi. No 6 Pete Sampras, No 9 Jim Courier and No 10 Michael Chang, Wheaton has knocked off the game's gi ants and clearly earned their respect

At the \$6 million Grand Slam Cup last December, a defeated Ivan Lendl complimented. 'His game is very solid. You have to play well to beat him." And after Wheaton decisively disposed of Agassi and world No 1 Stefan Edberg at the 1991 Lipton International Players Championships, the Swede said: 'David served big when he happe, and he was teeing off on my serve.'

Since the 64, 185-pound Wheaton had conquered nearly everyone in the top 10, beating them is no longer a mental hurdle. But doing it consistently and in the Grand Slams is another challenge. "I consider myself on any, specific day to be as good as anyong in the world.



But it's a matter of having that consistency week in and week out that I'm still trying to learn. 'confides Wheaton who lost first round matches in four straight tourneys to start 1991. "Edberg and [Boris] Becker and those (top) guys get to the finals every week. I'm not at that stage yet."

The speciacular Bjorn Borg - John McEnroe 1980

### The stars and stripes headband

Wimbledon final inspired Wheaton, then 11, to dream of Centre Court glory. That was the best tennis match I've ever seen. I'll never forget that. We still have it on tape right next to the 1980 Olympic hockey games," he save.

Pitually, Whiston would

wake up early to watch the Sunday "Breakfast at Wish-bledon" finals on television. "It was awe-in-spring seeing that, the stars playing in the final, the tradition and the grass, and that particular stadium had so much ambiance and feeling and tradition. Everything that tennis really stands for and stood for "it's the most important to sambiance;" in the portant to sambiance;

world forme. I want to win it, and the sooner the better!" he says.

If Wheaton doesn't achieve a Siam title this year in singles, the breakthrough could certainly come in doubles. He reached the 1990 U.S. Open final partnering Paul Annacone and the 1991 Australian Open final with Patrick McEnroe. The flies in the ointment though are that he doesn't have a regular doubles partner, and even more surprisingly, he may not even enter the doubles at the Grand Slams.

At the U.S. Open last year Wheaton played a mediocre quarter-final against John McEnroe because he was "just drained" after playing best 3-of-5 set matches in singles and doubles for 11 consecutive days. "I've talked to some of the older guys like (Fred) Stolle, guys who played all the events (singles, doubles and mixed) back then. They'd say. Your first three rounds in singles then were fairly easy straight set wins and the first three rounds in doubles were a joke. There



were about 25 or 35 good players. It was just a matter of meeting each other in the later rounds.

"Today the depth is so much greater, and you face doubles specialists and you're getting into 7-5 in the fifth (set) doubles matches in the first round, and you still have to play singles the next day. You're dead tired. What are you supposed to do?" he wonders.

Although the goodlooking, broad-shouldered Wheaton has been romantically linked to world No. 5 Mary Joe Fernandez, he dismissed the notion. "There's no romance." he says. "She's a good friend of mine. I see her five times a year, and I talk to her probably once or twice a month. The press is at the Grand Slams, and that's the only time I see her so that's why that is implied. But you see her as much as I do."

That brings up what many consider the most disappointing aspect of the protours: It's not really possible to have a girlfriend or wife when you can't see them." he maintains. "How can you be dating someone if you can't date them. You can't call it dating; you can call it phoning. It just doesn't work.

"I'd like to be home and lead more of a normal life," says Wheaton who travels with his brother-coach-agent John, a lawyer. "I think a lot of the guys really miss that kind of normal relationship. Instead, it turns out to be some girl in some nightclub in some city you know what I mean. I'm not into that type of relation-

With Jim Courier

ship or whatever you want to call it. For me, even to go out with someone, I have to know them very well first."

Wheaton sometimes wears an American flagstyle headband and would love to play Davis Cup some day. "Any time you cari help out your country, it's an honor," he says. "It's like serving your country over in the (Persian) Gulf. Those guys are the real heroes of the States."

When I asked him which famous person - living or dead - he'd most like to meet and have dinner with. Wheaton quickly respond, "It would definitely be Jesus Christ. The reason why is quite obvious. He's unquestionably had more impact on the world than anyone has had or ever will have. To me, that would be pretty intriguing dinner conversation, picking his brain. "I'd ask him about his father,' says Wheaton. "And I'd ask him why did he sacrifice his life for mankind. I know why. His father - or God loved the world. But I'd just ask him why."

By Paul Fein



INTERVIEWED BY ROBIN CHATTERJEE

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CHEEMA: There is not not not to it, really. Personally I led that had been treated with the shubbilly by the East Bengal cilicials. After that I didn't bittle it was worth going back to East Bengal. I didn't want to have anything to do anything sath the club.

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discussed at length, and finally there was a wote and I was not free. This was just one of the problems. Then I get into some income tax trouble and for that the fault rests with the club. I mean if the chib is paying the players then they should explain to the players that you have to pay income tax. Till then I had never paid my taxes. Why didn't the club let me know? The club should deduct the tax which I am supposed to pay before giving me my salary. At that time, nobody came forward to help me. No club officials turned up all through the harassment. I couldn't believe that these were the same people whom I had served for ages. These are just the main problems. I could keep narrating to you a whole lot of them.

Then why don't you?

Because I don't think it will make any difference. These are just the basic problems that I have shared with you.

The you feel that there were any forces—Individuals or groups of India—who were trying to oust you from the club?

I don't know. You see, I cannot really fathom club politics. What I know is that I should go to the field and play; wear the club's colours, come out of the field and go back home. I can't tell you for sure whether a group or a clique was trying to ous! me.

But didn't you at any point of time hel that way?

Well, I did feel that I was being treated badly. About the fact that flies were trying to sust me, I didn't really care. I knew that I could go away the day I wanted.

-One got the impression that your former club treated you like a machine. As long as you course, you were indispensible. Things get bed when you glidn't.

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When things like that happen, you feel that people are just using you. I'm not a machine. I'm a human being. Sometimes I go in there and I don't know what I'm doing. I think I'm entitled to some respite sometimes the looks questioningly).

There are many who call you Calcutta's over you you ran entry recently. So you really feel that you belong here?

I think everyone is critiled to his opinion now and then, But at times I feel as if I've more or less entranched myself in the society here. It's quite difficult to cut myself off from the activities of Calcutta.

If, however, remains to be seen about how true their claims are about me being a son of Calcutta. It takes two people to relate to each other. Suppose I am the son of Calcutta, then Calcutta is my father, right? Then the way Calcutta treats me ahould go a long way in proving what I feel. But sometimes you know, you doubt these claims. It is then that you feel





Cheema has adjusted to life in Calcutta with help from his wife Cathy

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Though the pressure from the tax people was very much on me. I think that there were a lot of other players who were itsiolyed as well. The tax officials, however, took a particular esception to me. I felt that the whole thing was a readine allate. But there are others who seem to think otherwise. It had to happened that my case was passed with vigotir.

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Did you approach them for hele? On a number of occasions.

What ald they say?

Sometimes they told me that they would come to meet me in the IT office; but they never showed up. When they did show. up, I don't know what transpired between them and the IT people. I cannot follow Bengali. They spoke so fast that I would find it difficult to comprehend. After 10 minutes they were out of the office saying that things would be okay. Then, the trouble would start all over again. They were not much of a help.

Those were had times for you and your wife.

Really bad. It is unfortunate that these things are allowed to happen. Because I for one, would love to pay my taxes,

So was it during that time that you decided to try your kick outside indic and were magatisting with clube abroad?

No it was before. Actually I was supposed to be in England in November to join a club. But I was suspended, so I knew that I had lost that chance. My suspension was lifted in October and I couldn't go away because then East Bengsi were planning to suspend me, so I had to play for the club. Then the IT problems came up. And finally, I was not getting my clearance from the AIFF. I finally got it but the whole thing just came to nought. It's as good as not giving me a clearance, (Then changing his stance) I'm not blaming anyone and I think it's just the way things were. There are no regrets either

What did you do in Engl

I called up the manager of the Brighton football club (a club): which has just been promoted to the English first division. The manager told me that I was supposed to be here in. November. I explained, so he said okay, I would have to come back in the next season which starts this September. They wanted to try me out in September and then decide. Meanwhile, I had this arrangement with a club in Norway. It was called 'Start'. Start is a first division this and I thought Norway had a professional set-up. I thought that from there I could get a foothold and then move on to Europe. But they were not as good as I thought.

Their system of playing was different from others. Apart from that they were semipro. The players worked in offices during the day and came for practice for about an hour and a half. It want what I was looking for. So I went back to England. Most of the clubs and agents asked me to stay on till Sentember as it was off season then. I had a whole range of olube willing to try me out.

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rid you like to divulge the details?

Mohum Bagan has agreed to pay me two laids and everything else extra. In fact, they have siready paid me.

Is this the correct figure or should up the or take a few latte?
No, no. This is the correct sum, they also arranged to supply me with things like kit, medical, accommodation etc.

And will they manage your three? (laugha) Yes, yes. They have to mainage that as well. Forget about the pay, I wouldn't like embarrasements in future.

Chocus and his younger brother (left)
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Lat's emphasiae on Calcutte. This nyelesm is that largely prevalent in the local scene. To coaches I have worked with Nayven and Said Bluownick are not like that. I know that Naveous liness. If you're lit he plays you. If you're not be doesn't, I don't know about the other coaches. There must be a ground for you in make such allegations...

it is not an affe pition, it is the system which is quite evident in the stale and t'm tel hing about officials.

I would say officials have it in their power to make or break it player. But largely this power reals with the coach. The coach has the power to rout his team independently. If the couch has some people 'in intrid' before making the team. then it turns out that somehow the coach likes them. But this shouldn't be at the superise of the better players. However, coaches like Nayeam had a firm hand with the team. He kent most of the officials who otherwise controlled the team-at bay. But maybe I'm wrong. Maybe comeone in the outside could see better.

And this system doesn't bether you, does it? If I notice that a player who is good to getting a raw deal, then of course it would bother me. Why not?

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But you there my entinearly from your actingues when you were impair from thought. The transmis stimple, you've not exactly a "least". There wouldn't have been any need for them to oppose way There wouldn't have been any need for them to oppose his choice as captain. You see, in Calcutta captainty their pat points from ments but from emport. So ever if I come from the Congo or wherever, the fact that I replayed for a club for 4 years, means that captainty falls so me. The players has fall if for granged. Moreover, the chaptaint has no government but go in there and you the cight. If forms I make any difference.

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Well, maybe you could be right. But from the kind of tacking get. I don't feel that anyone who can tackle me that badly is scared of me. It doesn't really reflect on the allegation th they are scared. If they are, then you've just let out a secret to me. Maybe I could cash in on their fear.

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Yeah, I think this is a very important question. It is not methodical in handling my allains. Some to dilly daily just to come to a particular decision I try to organise myself and talk things over with reach a decision. Sometimes Pravery music and prop don't understand me. Even my friends. I shall tell you I'll meet you tomorrow, but tomorrow I cauld be off to Ni That's my life.

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Two arch rivals turned friends and non teammates: Cheema at home with Sie

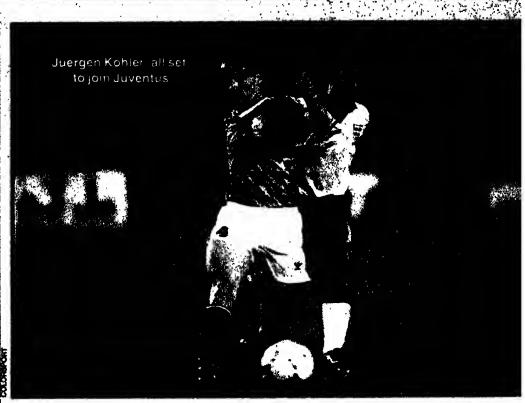


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# EXTRA-TIME EXTRA

#### The Exodus Continues

trazilian manager Falcao's hopes of selecting only home-based players received yet another setback. Defender Bernardo from club champions Sao Paulo and midfielder Mazinho from runners-up Bragantino confirmed they have signed for mighty Bayern Munich of Germany for the next season. Both Bernardo and Mazinho were in Brazil's team for the forthcoming South American championships in July '91. Bayern are compelled to search for Brazilian talent as the best German players are tempted by the lira to



seek transier to Italy. Bayern's international defender Juergen Kohler and midfielder Stefan Effenberg are set to join Juventus of Italy next season. Kohler and Effenberg will join their compatriot Thomas Hassler at Juventus. The Turin-based club will be the second Italian club to have three German players.

#### An Injured Gullit is Expendable

HE rich Italian clubs are always eeking success. The World Club Champions and former European champions A.C. Milan did not win either the Italian league or Cup this season. So, they have sacked their coach Sacchi and have opted for the 46-year-old Fabio Capello for the next season. On taking over Capello dropped a bombshell. He said, "There is no place for an injured Gullit in Milan." So it seems that Milan's Dutch connection is ending. Ace striker Marco Van Basten is also keen to join his idol Johann Cruyff, coach of Barcelona. In case Gullit goes, Milan are keen to sign the ace French striker Papin. However, Bernard Tapie, the president of Marseille, is unwilling to let Papin go to italy. Negotiations are under way between Milan and Margeille. A.C. Milan have already bought defender Cambora from Pagma and suidfielder Fuser from Pierentina

#### The Versatile Goram

COTLAND'S goalkeeper Andy Goram is a double international. Goram has played both football and cricket for Scotland. He is the first Scot to have achieved this feat. Goram is an all rounder in cricket. Born in Bury, he went for trials to Lancashire. Former Windles skipper Clive Lloyd rated him a useful bowler. Goram has now become the most expensive goalkeeper in Scottish football. Big spending Glasgow Rangers bought him from Hibernian for £1 million. The 27-year-old Goram is thrilled to join the club he has supported since he was young. However, Rangers are reluctant to expose their costly goalkeeper to unnecessary injury risks. So. they have insisted that he gave up cricket and.". concentrated only an football. Hence, Gorson was to play his last cricket matick for Scotland vs Sussection the Maturest Traphy on June 36

## ARTUM PUMPING

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ize and weight once

they're ready to hit the road again.

This week's fitness column is devoted to 'post-partum' fitness. Hey, it doesn't take much. And both mummy and daddy can have fun with baby while keeping fit in the process. So what if the little fella or lassie gets a little shaken up. They'll love it. Just the feeling of togetherness as they work out with their parents is enough to keep that heavenly smile on their face. Hell, the top women's tennis player today, Monica Seles, was doing baby version sit-ups at age six months!

Ladies, pregnancy doesn't mean you're doomed to a flabby body for the rest of your life. If you're willing to give it a shot, we're willing to quide you back onto fitness avenue. Just listen to your body: if you've had a normal delivery, you can get back in action as soon as you feel you're ready. But the moment there's been some surgery or even stitches, you've got to take it much slower.

that the muscles aren't quite the same again, think again. International stars like Mary Decker and Evelyn Ashford came back from childbirth to hit the headlines in athletics again.

As for all fears

homegrown Reeth Abraham has bounced back from giving birth to a daughter

Why, even our

to smash the national long jump record! So there.

And if you're worried about the little one, here's some advice from a post-partum exercise expert: "Providing your baby with touch and movement experiences will enrich his or her potential for development. Encouraging your baby to enjoy a wide range of movement brings about increased confidence. coordination and enjoyment of sport and exercise.

C'mon all you new mums-and dads-encourage your child to get physical. Don't force them; that'll put them off. Do it yourself and you'll find them getting into the spirit of things.

(To be continued)







## DIFFERENT STROKES



THERE is an odd problem facing clothiers and tailors, especially Gieves and Hawkes at London's famous Saville Row Reason they will have to clothe two Japanese hunks in traditional English suits So far so good

The problem however arises due to

the sheer size of the customers. Attiring 6ft 7. Konishiki and 6ft 2. Kirishima-both sumo wrestlers from Japan is a tough job. The former tips the scale at 351/2 stone and the latter weighs 18 stones and 4lbs. While an average Caucasian needs around three and a

half metres of cloth for a two piece stut these guys from Japan could do with six and a half metres

Recently passers by at the infamous Hyde Park had a sneak preview of the Japanese art of sumo wrestling when Konishiki and Kirishma practiced under umbrellas that protected them from the notorious British sun

Trying to get to grips with British culture and that includes Epsom Downs fish and chips and the Wentworth Golf Club these guys are part of the Japan Festival currently on in London

But come October the action will shift to the Royal Albert Hall where the two will take on each other in a consecrated Shinto mound of clay while an estimated 1 5 million people sitting cross legged on lingside cushions will watch them perform

Till then it will be more of sight-seeing and of course more trips to Saville Row for the trials



IKE Tyson, watch out! Frank Bruno's gunning for you again.

The retina is fixed. The doc has given him the go-ahead to fight again. And he's keeping fit by training with Lizzle Webb, Britain's answer to Jane Fonda

A product of one of the toughest comprehensive school's in London, Webb has trained several top British dancers while also teaching fitness on the TV.

But that doesn't mean 'ole Frank's going to be displaying more fancy footwork than hard punching when he steps into the ring next. At least, we have!!

Brune Webbe and twisting with Lizzie Webbe



## OVER THE TOP

CHE'S a stunner, all Oright. Her untamed mane frames a pretty face, lustrous eves and luscious lips. She never stops talking and her curvaceous body is full of energy. But that's not the image her opponents get when a certain Ms Katherine Monbiot, women's arm wrestling champion. sits across the table.

"People have this idea that female arm wrestlers all weigh 18 stones, are covered with tatoos, wear Doc Martens boots, and are raging lesbians. Now do I look like

that?' quips
Katherine, as she
shows off her rock
hard biceps. Starting
arm wrestling at her
posh ladies boarding
school, it progressed
to a party piece and
she 'fared well against
the men'. That made
the sport her passion
and the results were
there for all to see.

Afflicted by anorexia, an illness where there is no appetite, as a teenager, Monboit says" "I was like a skeleton. I was kept in bed and force-fed three and a half thousand calories a day. In four weeks I had put on five stones



'Check out the biceps man.'.. Katherine seems to be saying

of blubber which I lost as soon as I stepped out from there....Fortunately I saved my life by becoming interested in dietery therapy." Now a vegetarian, she disposes the theory that: "People think that to be a female arm wrestler you have to eat three pounds of steak a day. Yet I eat only pulses, vegetables and grains. I haven't drunk alcohol for years." Now she's got over her illness much to the relief of her family and friends.

She now earns her crust by working as an alternative therapist and her speciality is 'colonic lirigation'. But that's not enough to fund her arm wrestling trips and she's desperately looking out for a sponsor. May she can twist a few arms?

ATE at times does sure play very cruel tricks. Maybe it's just to let us know that we are indeed driven by forces beyond our control.

As real estate dealer Fred Anger found out one night when his car was hit by a 16-wheel monster truck that had jumped the divider. The result-he was never able to use his legs again.

But Fred refused to take life sitting down. A tennis freak, he soon hit the wheelchair tennis circuit: the fastest growing game in the wheelchair

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community, played by an estimated 7,500 people in 20 countries. As Brad Parks, who popularised the sport after he was paralyzed



waist down in a skiing accident in 1977, said "A few years ago there was just a handful of people in the sport. They sat in clunky chairs, they wore black street shoes and Levi's. Now I see bright slick chairs, players in tennis clothes, racquets with stencils on the strings and I think to myself, 'this is exactly what I've always dreamed about..."

Different from the normal version in that the point is live through two bounces and not just one, wheelchair tennis has sure come a long way and will still go further.

Tis safe to say that any day this fortnight you will come across more accountants in pin-striped suits than athletes in plimsolls in the Wimbledon players' tearoom overlooking the concourse high above No. 1 court.

Even Boris Becker, a main beneficiary if ever there was one, says he is alarmed by Wimbledon's sell-out to big bucks. Although he, of course, speaks as a 23-year old with the cosy security in his bundesbank of a £30 million fortune.



The young German calls the money slushing around tennis "obscene". Well, he can always give it back Or, for absolutely free, be a human billboard for such as Ford, Muller Milk, Diodora, Fila, or Polaroid. Fat chance.
Says Boris, and you

think at the time that the young spark really means it: "I would rather have played in the days when you played a tennls match for fun, then you showered, had a beer, and went home happy. I will never be able to come to terms with the commercial explosion in

Maybe made and the has mindred and besides can. You bet

The moser in tender has always been a very to those who have wear it. The first Windbadon final of my little life was played in 1938. Den Budge, of the United States, beat Bunny Austin, of Britain. Twinkling old Bunny, bow-tied and bushy-tailed, was back on the strawberry fields of SW19 again this week.

For that 1936 final, daringly flash, he had come out in shorts – the first man ever to do so at long, cricket-flannelled Wimbers. "It cost me 5s.6d. to have my tailor rum them up", he says, (Today, his bloke would pay him hundreds of thousands for the privilege).

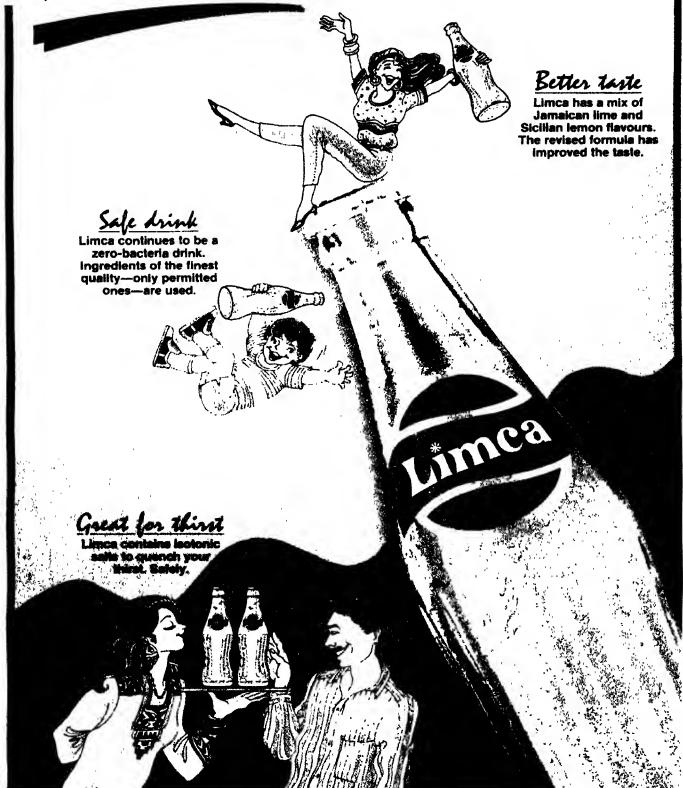
His runner-up prize 53 years ago was a voucher worth £2.10s., to be spent at Mappin & Webb, the Mayfair jewellers. £2.10.old money-that's roughly £3,997.50 less than last week's first round losers tucked into their jock-straps before their chauffeur drove them off.

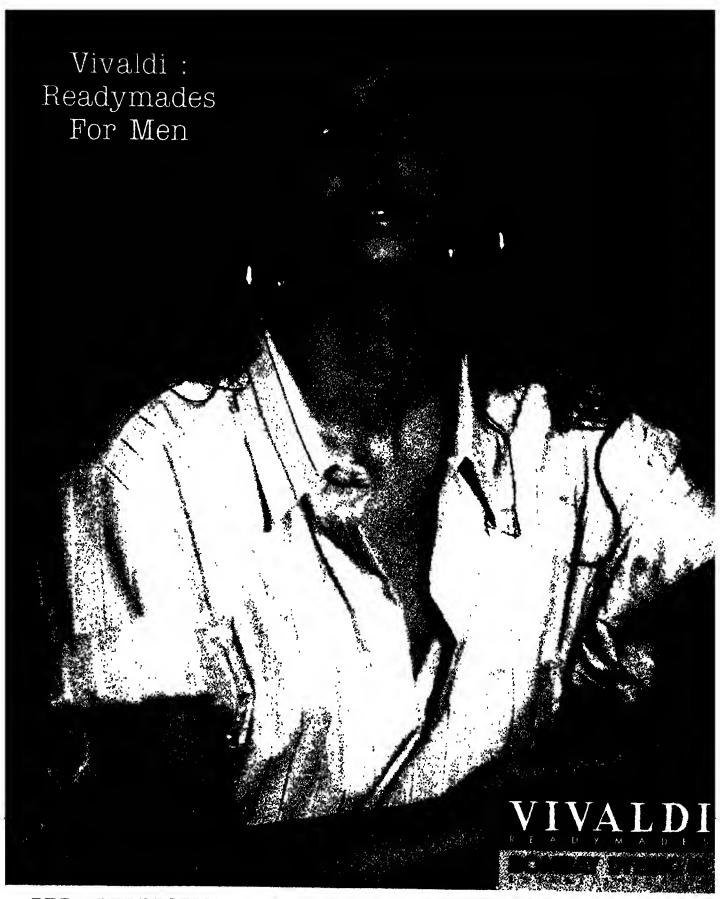
But, as I say, money has always been a hassle in tennis. "I went to the secretary's office after the final", says Bunny, A "arid asked if I could change the system. Could my voucher be changed", I asked him. from the jewellers, and be possibly made out to Tooth's picture semery'l They had a watercoloury in the window which i rather liked. And the secretary agreed Awfully decent of hims don't you think".

Fred Kalley



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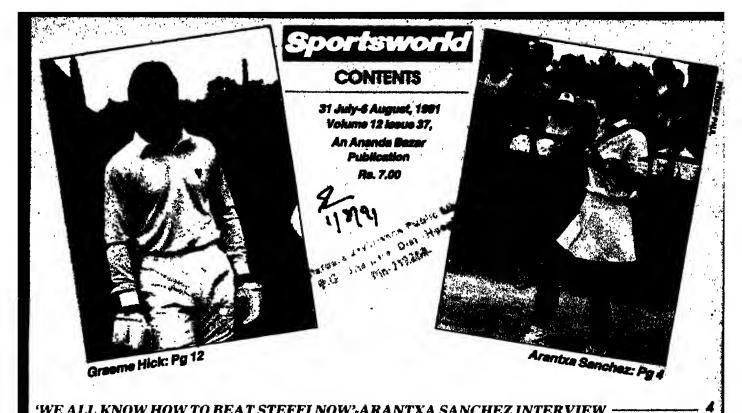
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INTERVIEW

# 'ALL OF US KNOW HOW TO PLAY STEFFI NOW'

Sportsworld: You are primarily known as a clay courter. How do you propose to improve your game on other surfaces? Arantxa: Well, I would think these days I'm playing reasonably well on grass. I feel a lot more confident now. Now I know exactly what one has to do on this kind of a surface. You must be knowing, last month, I made it to the finals of a grass court tournament (in England) where I lost to Martina. I am not prepared to believe that's bad.

Many people were surprised at the manner in which Graf made her exit from the French Open. Could you tell us about that match which you won 6-0, 6-2 and handed Steffi her worst ever Grand Slam defeat?

My mental preparation was very good. As it was, I had nothing to lose.
There was this belief that if I could play my normal game I would win. I was hundred per cent confident.

Says Arantxa
Sanchez, in
an exclusive
interview
with Gautam
Bhattacharya
at the All
England Club



But how did you come by this confidence? It's not that you're beating her every now and then... True. But don't forget

True. But don't forget clay is my favourite surface and on this I'd

beaten her two years back. That I knew her game inside out, also helped. I should've won the final also. I had an opportunity in the second set but wasted it.



"I don't find anyone really dangerous. I can beat anybody" You see that was a different day, where things didn't work out well for me. Also I had a different opponent.

Do you mean to say, Seles on clay is a more difficult proposition than Steffi on clay?

i won't make a comparison. All I can say is that both players prefer the hard courts. That gives me an edge. when I confront them on clay. I think, if I play my best I can beat both. Think of that semi final match against Steffi: I wanted to dominate the match right from the word go. Once I broke her and was leading 3-0. Steffi didn't know what to do. Till today I feel happy that I reached the final after winning a match like that. And immediately comes the feeling of disappointment, that I couldn't convert the opportunities that came my way in the final.

You've established yourself as a frontline tennis player and,

#### according to the computer, are ranked No. 3. What is your next goal?

This year I would be too happy to finish as number three or even four. So far everything has gone my way. I've made it to the final or semis in almost all the tournaments I played this year. So I'm reasonably happy. But next year I shall have to do better. I'll have to win a couple of tournaments. If I manage to do that, then I'll concentrate on becoming No.1.

#### Have you set yourself a time limit for becoming the best player in the world?

No. I haven't set a time limit. But the target is there and I can tell you I'm going to work hard, very hard (towards achieving that goal). I'm trying to make a few changes here and there and once I iron out those areas, I shall definitely give it a go.

#### What are the changes you're trying to make?

I'm trying to improve my first service. My second serve is okay but the first serve should be better. Now I must start hitting a few aces (laughs).

#### At the moment who would you consider your strongest opponent? Seles? Steff!? Sebatini?

You can't pick one. The standard has improved so much in the last few years that anyone in the top ten is a problem. Everybody seems to be improving.

That's an evasive answer.
Tell me honestly, given the choice who would you avoid meeting at this stage? Seles?

I don't see any need to





answer this question because I don't find anyone really dangerous. I think, if I play well, I can beat anybody. Yes. I've that confidence now.

To go back a little, how important was the French Open win in 89; Does it still give an out-of-this-world feeling or have you consciously tried to erase the euphoria?

I guess it was like a dream. A dream that came true. I remembered the day, when I played my second French Open final this year. I was out there again chasing a dream. But this time. failed. But people over there were very kind. very considerate. I got a lot of appreciation from them for making it to the finals.

#### One heard that the Princess of Spain was also there, supporting you fanatically?

Yes, Princess Christina was there. She had sent me a poem and was the source of a lot of encouragement.

Have you met the King? Oh, yes (laughs). After I won the French Open. our whole family was invited to the royal palace in Madrid. I met the King and Queen there. They were so nice. They told me they had watched the match live on TV and were constantly praying for me. The King had arranged a reception in my honour. I just couldn't believe it. It was great. It was wonderful!

So after winning a French Open title which grand siam tournament do you wish to win most?

Here. This tournament

Wimbledon has got a tradition. I would love to win a tournament here. It means so much.

Two to three years back, Steffi used to enjoy so much superiority that she was named the 'Mike Tyson of tennis.' You broke her invincible image by beating her in the '89 French Open final. And now Steffi is no longer the number one. Many suggest that to get back to the top, she must change her game. What do you feel?

There is no doubt that Steffi's style has become very predictable. All of us know how to play her now and what tactics to employ against her. May be if she starts playing the topspin backhand more then her game would improve. Maybe, instead of that backhand slice all the time a top spin backhand would be more effective. I suppose yes... she will have to change her game a ltttle bit. Sometimes she plays the backhand topsptn well but doesn't repeat it. She lacks confidence in the shot it seems. But then again, it's unfair for me to talk about her game, because that's her domain. She knows exactly what's best for her.

You said, almost everyone knows what tactics to employ when they play Steffi. Supposing tomorrow you're playing a match against her, what would be the strategy? It varies from surface to surface. The strategy you adopt on grass mayn't be very effective on clay.

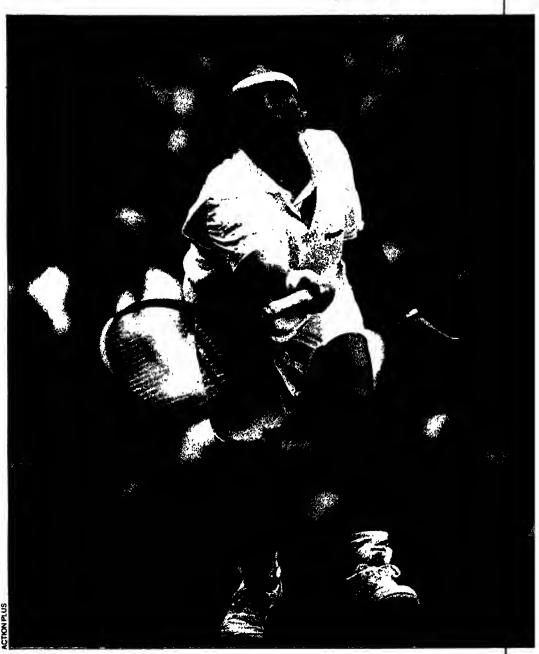
Ok, supposing you are playing her on clay. Will you still attack her backhand right from the word go?



#### "Steffi's style has become very predictable"

these, then I am... (laughs)

You belong to a very sporting family? Would you attribute your rise to a supportive family structure?



Of course. Everyone knows about it (this strategy)... but sorry, I can't discuss this with you. Strategy is something that should remain private. Why don't you find out for

yourself the next time we play each other (laughs)?

in Steffi's case, you attack her backhand. What do you do against Seles?

Again (laughs). If l go on disclosing all Yeah, you can say that. My family has given me tremendous support. My brothers and parents have helped me a lot. Without their help all this wouldn't have been possible.

#### **ARANTXA SANCHEZ**

#### 'Reign' in Spain

That's Arantxa Sanchez's position in Spain. After her stunning French Open title win over Steffi Graf, the Spaniard has become a household name in her country. The question is can she become a great champion in her own right?

HEN Arantxa smiles, you cannot help but hug her. It is beguiling, impish, sardonic, naughty and yet...so very innocent. The cheeks glow with good health, the eyes radiate happiness, and the lips are full and pink. And then there is the confidence: Confidence in the way that she walks; confidence in the way that she speaks; and confidence in the way that she wields a racquet.

All this happened after her astonishing French Open final win over Steffi Graf in 1989. Nobody had expected her to do anything in that final. At that time, Steffi was Steffi the invincible, on an incredible roll. And Sanchez was supposed to be another head on the chopping block. But Arantxa Sanchez had other ideas.

A day before, interviewed by Bud Collins for NBC Television, when asked about whether she could beat Steffi rather than a quick no, she said, 'if I play my game, I think I have a shot.' And so, with this attitude, she was mentally positive before the final began. And she was also a little lucky. Steffi Graf was suffering from menstrual cramps and therefore, she could not play her complete, brilliant best. But a win is a win and Arantxa Sanchez became the first Spanish women tennis player to win the French Open ever. It was indeed a great achievement. And world attention was immediately focused on this beguiling and charming Spaniard.

After the famous victory, Arantxa said, 'Before I was sister of Emilio and Javier; now my brothers, are brothers of Arantxa. This is how things have changed.'

The celebrity status at home is especially rewarding to this young nationalistic Spaniard. She often talks about her achievements in terms of what it means to Spain. At the US Open in 1989, she pleaded with her sponsors Reebok that she didn't wish to wear the outlits they had provided, because it bore an Union Jack design.

'it's not that i am anti-English' she explained, 'only that I am pro-Spain.' What gives me most satisfaction is when the girls come to me in Spain

and say, 'We want to be like Arantxa. This, for me, is the best feeling.'

Her other pleasure is her dogs. After winning the French, some friends gave Arantxa two dogs. One she called, 'Roland' and the other, 'Crac'. (A Spanish slang meaning, the best).

Then, she said, 'I found out that in the States, this 'crack', it's a bad word. So now when people ask me what my dog's name, I have to translate that in Spain, Crac means you are the best.'

Even though dogs are high on the list of priorities, it is the family that is topmost. And it is the family that has played such a great role in her becoming a tennis player, in the first place. The family was tennis—crazy. Her mother Marissa played tennis; her father Emilio played tennis. Her older sister, Marissa, and Emilio Jr. and Javier, they all played tennis.

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If you don't see one of the Sanchez kids at the breakfast table, you always knew you could find him or her on a tennis court. In the Sanchez household, a racquet was considered just another body appendage



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Arantxa began chasing tennis balls at the age of

four.

'At first' said the youngest sibling, 'I was not interested in playing. But when you are the youngest and everybody says you should play, and you see all the time, the racquets and balls in the house, it is only natural that you play. So, I say, 'O,K., I'll play, and you know, it was a good choice by me.'

It was not only a good choice by her but it was a good choice by all the other siblings. They all had a natural talent, a propensity to hard work and a high level of dedication. The result: no other family in the history of the game has produced so many outstanding champions. Emilio, 24, is a constant top 10-20 player, Javier is constantly ranked in the forties, while Marissa who has played collegiate tennis while earning a degree is planning to have a try in the pro circuit. And lastly, there is Arantxa Sanchez who is currently ranked number four in the world. As they say, 'They reign in Spain'.

But Arantxa had a much more solid track record than her other siblings. She won every age group junior tournament that she has taken part in and astonishingly, at the age of 13, she won the Spanish National women's championships. And that was amazing.

How did she do it?

'I was lucky' she recalls, 'because I was better than the girls, so I could always practise with the boys. And because I was good I got to work with (former Spanish pros) Andres Gimeno and Manuel Orantes. They knew much about the game and what happens on the tour. I was very lucky to have these two to help coach me.'

Determination has always been her key word. She once said. What I am working for is to catch Steffi. That is my goal. How long this will take me, I don't know. But I know this is what I want and I

know I can do it.'

Her former coach Juan Nunez had summed up Arantxa's attitude when he said, 'I would say that 95% of the girls that go on court with Steffi lose the match on the way to the court. Arantxa doesn't do that and Steffi knows Arantxa is not going to give it

awav.'

And this fighter's instinct that still makes her a favourite to become, one day, the Number One player in the world. She has not won a Grand Slam title after that. She is now ranked fifth in the world. But her eyes blaze with determination, the hard work is still there and maybe, one day, perseverance will pay off and she will be able to move up her game another notch or two, and become the truly great champion that she has the potential of becoming.

**Ashwin Thomas** 

You are just eighteen.

Rich, famous, more or less successful. But are you a happy person? Most of the tennis stars today talk about pressure, depression etc etc. For a young girl like you, what happens, my mother is there to take care.

#### I believe you also take your dog wherever you are playing?

Yes, I take my dog wherever I play. It's an Yorkshire terrier. I call



"One thing is certain, I shall learn to separate tennis from my personal life"



#### exactly is life behind the locker room?

I can tell you it's very tough and mentally demanding. You need somebody to go around with you. Otherwise it's almost impossible to manage. You've to travel so much. From one hotel to the other, from one airport to another. You need somebody to guard you as well as provide an emotional support. I have got my mother as the travelling companion. And for any young girl, mother is the best companion.

Whenever I play I am so comfortable, because I know if something

her Roland. I couldn't bring her here because they've this system of quarantine.

#### What are your other interests?

Well, I just finished my school. I was studying through the correspondence course. I love the game so much that I would like to play for another ten years or so and then marry, have kids. It's very difficult to say at this stage. May be in another two to three years time I shall change my mind. But one thing is certain, I shall learn to separate tennis from my personal life.

PERSONALITY

## TURN AROUND,

Why is Andre Agassi like Maggi tomato sauce? Because he's 'different'. This Las Vegas virtuoso, this rock 'n' roll renegade, this colour purple prince is a walking, wacky contradiction. He gets robbed of matches, but steals headlines. from his racket flow jewels, from his mouth garbage. The kid's not an enigma, he is the enigma.

Awesome Andre is the world's most slickly marketed product since Milli Vanilli. Where the truth, the substance, the reality lies is insignificant, but he must sell. There are two Andres', he says, one you see and the other you don't'-this is too much of a temptation, do we need another Andre, this one's enough dudes.

Now, wait, if Astute Andre is tutored on everything he says, how come he delivers lines like. 'I'm as happy as a faggot in a submarine' (whatever that means) Is that the best that brother Phil, agent Bill, trainer Gil and coach Nick can teach him? Yet for all these pieces of Andre-wisdom, he still left Wimbledon with a halo the size of a hula ring above his head. See, Amazing Andre doesn't win, but he still wins, get it?
I mean this guy doesn't even use





the All England Club locker rooms. He breezes in, plays, breezes out. 'Sweet innocence' said Dan Maskell, and you wonder if BBC's grand old man is getting carried away.

Okay, okay what Aggravating Andre says and does off court is irrelevant—are we looking for intellect from a kid who has done nothing but lait balls since he could stand. NO. Sportspeople, remember Mike Tyson, remember Mike Gatting, are not supposed to perform with words, but in their discipline.

So, if Adolscent Andre is no Hemingway in the interview room that's cool, 'cause he's Issac Asimov on court-spaced out, a dream, 'fantastic. No one plays like him, no one will. If they said McEnroe's hand, eye co-ordination was matchless, it was because they

How does this small shrimp of a guy generate a pace that had Wheaton at one point, mouth open, running in for a volley, still not thinking about bending his knees, when the balt had kissed his socks and gone by?

hadn't seen Agassi yet.

When they talk about taking the ball early, they talk about hitting a rising ball, before it reaches it's apex. Like Mecir. Only Andre often hits it when the ball has just bounced-like a half volley drive, and that's early. To do that you need legs for early positioning, lightning handspeed and perfect timing — that's what makes him Astonishing Andre. And the pace?-how does this small, shrimp of a guy generate a pace that had David Wheaton at one point, at Wimbledon, mouth open, running in for a volley, still not thinking about bending his knees, when the ball had kissed his socks and gone

Now Wheaton at Wimbledon, like Courier in Paris and Sampras in New York, proved one major, and repetitive point, to an Annoyed Andre. That genius, no argument here, wasn't winning him matches that count. On pure skills, Agassi is on top of this four man heap, yet he is the least successful. Contradictions again.

Dismissing Agassi as a no-hoper on big occasions is foolhardy, but it is his inability to change the pace and strategy of a match that mystifies. Absurd Andre is notorious for his pre-match preparation—he hits balls for two minutes, hits the court, and hits a tempo from stroke one that he doesn't change till the end.

In Paris he was up a set and a break against Courier but when Courier changed tactical standing back, hitting looser) Agassi had nothing to offer. Worse was the Wheaton scenario. Up 4-2 and Wheaton 0.40 on serve in the fourth set, Agassi played whimsically and carelessly and lost. Again, no change to his tempo, No change of rhythm. At the final stages of a match, the man losing goes for broke and the man winning moves his game a notch higher, his mind pumped full of hunger, his belty pulsating with a burst of adrenalin. Agassi appears not to be moved.

If he has to turn around his career at 21, he will have to.

For some he will always be Artiess Andre, who when asked why he wears such short shirts says. 'Because when I hit a shot it whips up and shows my stomach and navel'. But even Artiess Andre is good for a game which is teeming with somber, sullen clones.

Point is, now when are we going to see the Adult Andre-the winner? Now that's Asking Andre!

#### **BY ROHIT BRIJNATH**

**GUEST COLUMN** 

## STICK WITH HICK



RAEME HICK has my sympathy as he struggles to find his form against us. You may think that strange coming from the opposing captain but cricket will be the richer when he finally shows his talents at Test level.

Getting bowled in the nets during practice by

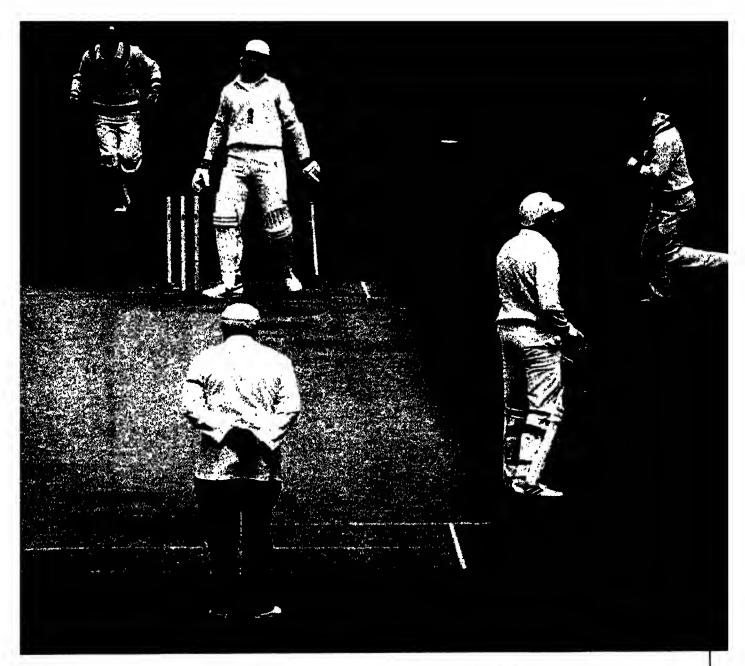
19-year-old Mark Clarke, a net bowler brought in by the England management is just the kind of thing to make you feel the world is against you.

He is not the first batsman to find the West Indies bowlers too hot to handle Nottinghamshire's Tim Robinson came to the Caribbean after a very successful start to his Test career and could not get going against us.

After the England selectors made the commitment to Hick by waiting so long for him to qualify they must give him enough chances to prove his worth. With perseverance, their investment will come good.

We realise the consequences if he finds his form against us. No captain wants anyone of that potential to strike his form against you but we do know there is too much ability for it to be wasted. It's a bad period for him. He hasn't got much international experience and he's up against a side with four good fast bowlers.

However, he's still young. I'm quite positive he will



find his way in Test match cricket — but hopefully not this summer.

#### STAND BY YOUR PLAYERS

UR policy too has been to stand by our players. Talking to Carl Hooper after his two recent centuries, he thinks he's now hitting the ball well-and-confident he can take that into this Test.

Runs breed confidence. I know—I've been through stages with a run of low scores early in my career. I know what it felt like. Every time you fail it puts you further back.

I remember at Trent Bridge was the scene of my first Test century in England, 232. It was the year, 1976, when the England captain, Tony Greig, said he would make us "grovel".

It was my first Test trip here and after a successful series against India this was the ultimate test.

I thought, 'Okay, you may score runs around the world, but coming to England in very trying conditions and doing well would be the ultimate.' It worked out and what one would give to turn back

the hands of the clock. It was a wonderful time. I completed a record of runs in a calendar year and it was the start of what was to be my best Test series.

We knew Tony Greig and how he talked. He was a macho man,

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#### CALMER WATERS AHEAD

To began in the e-rent it took

Dispite this evidence of effective shirted could remember all too well the unsolicited suggestions offered to me by all sorts, from old Test players to drunken incompetents (the two classes sometimes overlapping). How difficult it was to remain patient, and above all to make use of the stuff, good or bad.

But now, like those so anxious to help me, I wanted to help a man who, as he walked into bat must have felt like a rabbit going to have tes with stoats.

Ambined was atcaming in at full speed, the ball was hard, the pitch

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My point is that Hick, who is a tall nion, would perhaps do better trying to stand high and play down the short-pitched ball. His hands need to rise with the ball rather than instinctively drop towards it. I think he has to develop the nerve and capacity to send the ball off, his hands almost in front of his throat. Alan Knott and John Edrich adapted their grips against the fastest bowlers to this end; with practice Hick can do it, too.

His days will come for England. I'm sure of that; but they may take longer than he and we hope.

The African-born English players have had varying fortunes.

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The final player, Robin Smith, could give Hick and Lamb the best advice of all. Keep going. His last six months saw a decline in Australia to a state of anxions fallure, followed this summer by an equally dramatic regeneration. But he has shown that storms do pass, there are calmer waters ahead.

Hick and Lamb will have to hold on to this thought.

trying to psyche you out But we doubted if the ability was there to match the threats and that spurred us on to put him in his place

#### **CHEERS TO SOUTH AFRICA**

VE had many offers in the past to play in South Africa—one for about £250,000—but I always said no because I didn't want to be used

Why else would they have offered me so much? When they get their house in order in South Africa people won't be dishing round these enormous sums, so there simply must have been an ulterior motive

I've followed the South African situation and it seems to me there is still a lot of homework to be done. There must be a lot of talented people there denied any opportunity until now and there are men of good will I've met who are determined it will be crippled no

longer I talked with Ali Bacher (of the new United Cricket Board of SA) and he is working very hard to bring about a real change in attitudes there

As a young cricketer two of my greatest idols were Mike Procter and Barry Richards I saw Mike at Northants and Barry last Sunday at Southampton and if they have anything to do with it—if they have any influence with their government—the game in their country will better

I can only wish them the best of luck and hope everything good surfaces in South Africa

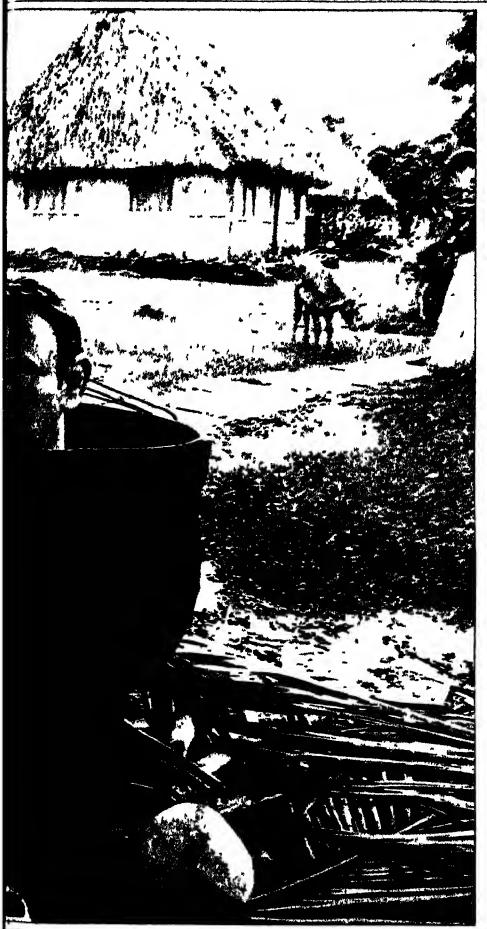
I stick to my beliefs for the moment that I should not go there but there is nothing I would like more.

when South Africa
has become a genuine
multiracial society, to
have a few drinks with
Procter, Richards and Dr
Bacher on their own soil.

Unfortunately, the change has probably come too late for it to happen during my playing lifetime.

Our policy too has been to stand by our players. Runs breed confidence. I know... Everytime you fail it puts you further back







f the many legacies of British presence in the region, besides banknotes bearing the Queen's portrait from the good old days when she used to smile, rugby is the most universal. To say that it is a religion in Fiji is disrespectful, not to religion but to rugby. And the Fijian rugby team ain't no pushovers at the world level and they look alarmingly like the ferocious warriors who greeted Captain Cook with their spears and clubs.

This month they had a series of matches against England. The picture shows the Fijian rugby captain performing a tribal ritual prior to their matches against the white man! It seems they were getting ready to devour the opposition!

PHOTOGRAPH ASIA FEATURES





Michael Johnson is the favourite to lift the 200m crown at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo next month

> **OHNSON!** For years, the surname quickly brought forth an image of a medium height, heavily muscled man, with bloodshot eyes, screaming down the track. Ben Johnson of Canada. How could there be another Johnson in the rarefled strata of athletic champions? But now things are changing. While Ben Johnson moves off into a gentle decline, it is now Michael

Johnson who is at cruise control. Tall, lithe, with smouldering eyes, he has a running style that is the dream of every aspiring champion athlete.

Last year, Michael Johnson was the best 200m runner in the world. He was also the best 400m runner in the world, becoming the first man to achieve number one ranking in both events. Such prodigious talent has earned the 23-year-old, Athlete of the Year honours from the prestigious Track



and Field News. It also forced a choice on him for the '91 World Championships this year. The Tokyo schedule makes a double virtually impossible. He has to make a choice. Because he is king in both. For example: In the 400m, he has achieved a personal best of 44.21. In the 200m, he has a personal best of 19.85.

Which will you choose, the 200 or 400?

Most likely, the 200. I have more experience in the 200. I feel more comfortable in the event. Right now, I'm running the 200 better than the 400.

Your first major 200 this spring was a 20.22 win by a large margin at Shizuoka. How did you feel about that performance early in the season?

l didn't have a good start but I ran a good curve. I didn't have to push going down the straightaway.

I'm going to have to be in top form to win the gold medal at the Tokyo World Championships.
I'll have to be running very fast, and in that context the world record could come



What is it about the 400 that you feel you've not conquered yet?

I need to feel more sure of what I'm doing. There's a lot of room for mistakes. It's a tactical race, as opposed to the 200, where there are no tactics.

Would you say with one more season under your belt you'd be ready next year to give equal weight to both events?

Yes. I'll be running a few 400s this summer and that experience should pay off in '92.

#### You run a terrific curve in the 200. What's your secret?

I've run a lot of indoor races on small tracks. It takes a lot of body control, which carries over outdoors on the turn.
Do you actually enjoy a
200 more than a 400?
Which is more fun?

The 400 is a lot of fun because it's more of a challenge. I learn something new every time. There's been more competition for me in that event so far.

How do you appraise the 200 field?

There's Joe DeLoach, the Olympic champion, and Floyd Heard...And there are always people who pop up that you've never heard of, just like I did a few years ago. I have to be prepared for anything. Would you like to naii the world record in the 200 (19.79) this season?

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Michaei Johnson (right) breasts the tape just a little ahead of Leroy Burrell in a race in Barcelona

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in training, your coach Clyde Hart gives you a iot of strength and endurance work, as opposed to sprints. Why?

Basically, I do a 400 workout. For example, I might do 8x200. Most sprinters would do a few 200s real fast with complete rest. I don't run them as fast but l minimise the rest. The rest is the workout. Right now, I'm doing them in 26.5 with a 90-second rest. It takes strength to race a 200 all out. It also takes strength to sustain a long season with consistent performances.

How do you feel going into this season as the world's top-ranked

rack-and-field athlete?

Now that I can make a good living in my sport, the pressure to work up to that level is gone. I'll be expected to win, but I'm not going to let any exterior pressure be put on me. It'll be within myself.

You're featured in a fashion spread in the June issue of Esquire. Are you much of a clothes horse? I love clothes. I do a lot of shopping.

What's the most outrageous gift you've picked up for yourself in your traveis?

In New York, I bought a pair of green alligator-skin boots. So at the meets this season, you'll be hanging around in green alligator-skin boots?

No, I don't wear them in summer.

#### REMINISCENCES

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JOHN ARLOTT remembers the greatest cricketer in his greatest as

WENTY-FIVE YEARS ago Garfleld Sobers had the . greatest season that even he ever enjoyed or graced. There used to be those riddles that began 'On the fingers of one hand'. Garfield Sobers, a left-hander, made cricket history with almost every finger-certainly of his left hand. He started his historic career bowling slow left-arm 'natural' finger-spin, spun off the left index finger. Then he became a considerable seam bowler, using, of course, the first two fingers of his left hand. He became a back-of-the hand spinner-third finger-while, of course, he made outstanding catchés in both hands, and batted left-handed, though sometimes in the nets, for amusement, he would take on the role of a right-hander. with surprisingly impressive results.

This was undoubtedly the finest allround player in the history of the game, but, at the age of 38 in 1974, he announced his retirement from Test cricket. It is amazing that a man of so many and varied gifts should have brought them together so effectively.

He first played for West
Indice-primarily as an orthodox
slow left-arm bowler (4 for 81
against England at
Kingston)-when he was only 17:
But it was not until 1957-58 that
this batting came into full bloom, in
the series with Pakistan in West
indies. Then he played six
consecutive innings of over 50-the
last three being 365 not out, 125
and 109 not out-and was

Young children watching Sir Garry Sobers bowl during a visit to the black pwnship of Sweto. Sobers will recently in South Africa to launch the newly techniques was supplied to be newly



established as a Test player.

Let us look at Garfield St Auburn Sobers as he appeared on the excricket field, Fully 6ft tall, lithe and graceful, he was not out of place anywhere. If he was famous as a slip-where he made catching look absurdly simple-or at short leg, where he amply reinforced offspinner Lance Gibbs' leg-trap, it is easy to forget that especially as a young man, he was boundingly fast in the outfield, and possessed

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an extremely powerful 'arm' from the deep.

Take his various styles of . bowling: viciously fast with the new bell, cunning in filight with his wrist spinners. He could close up an end at medium-pace, or bowl one a side on a turner. Add to all this that he loved to bowl and you heye the picture of a man any ain toold be grateful to have ille deposal bis this was also seconds and dreat becomes a pe

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His whole Test match life story is punctuated by remarkable events. For instance, at Kingston in 1967-68, West Indies followed on against England and, with five second-innings wickets down, needed another 29 to avoid an innings defeat. Sobers, who had been out for O in the first innings, had only the tailenders for support. Yet, on an unreliable pitch, he made 113 not out, the highest score of the match and, taking the first two England wickets for no runs, almost carried West Indies to an historic win.

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In that 1967-68 series against England, he made more runs, at a higher rate, than anyone else, and bowled more overs than anyone else on either side. The first three Tests, when England made the highest scores, were all drawn. In the fourth, Butcher, to general. surprise, bowled out England with legspin, and Sobers made a challenging declaration. Butcher could not repeat his performance. and Beycott and Cowdrey skilfully pared England to a win. The critics did not forgive Sobers readily, and those normally superficially infavour of a successful gamble were least example bein. So England won the fourth Test by a conversing maintre of account least least maintre of account least 
Physics Start 

the first Test, when West Indies made 484 and bowled out England for 167. Sobers did not take a wicket in the first innings but his cousin, legspuner David Helford, had 3 for 34 in the first, and Sobers with 3 for 87 helped to polish off an unhappy England side for 277 for a West indies win by an innings and 40 runs.

At Trent Bridge, though, West Indies flourished. Not at first for, taking first innings, they made only 235 (Sobers 3), but then when England batted he took 4 for 90 in putting out England for 325. The West Indies second innings was a parade-Butcher 209 not out, Sobers 94, for 482 for 5 declared. When England batted the second time Griffith, whose action-upset critics throughout the tour, got away with 4 for 34 and England were all out 253 and beaten by an: innings and 139.

The fifth Test at The Oval, with Brian Close now in charge of England, was an altogether different story. Although Sobers, having won the loss for the fifth. time, made 81 in West Indies first innings of 268 (Kanhai 104), the batting of Graveney (165) and Murray (112) gave England a total of 527 (Sobers a pledding 3 for 104), but the edge had gone out of that contest. West Indies in their second innings made 225 (Sobers, battirig No. 7. a surprise 'duck') and England were home by an innings and 34.

Por Garry Sobers, one success had follwed another. It was a great series as a strategist. He scored 722 runs at 103,14 in the Tests. caught miraculously, took 20 wickets in Tests-only Gibbs had one more -and 60 in all matches He enjoyed it spectacularly, and he gave including pleasure as his -weath #

## THE FRANK KEATING COLUMN



NE of the sadnesses for the unbiased cricket lover as the current Test match series continues its intriguing way is that cruel luck has deprived us of cheering a last hurrah to one of the most prolific and resplendent opening partnerships of the game's ancient history.

When he twisted his knee in the field way back-it seems like aeons now-in the Texaco one-dayers of the springtime, one never gave it a thought that it would be the last time we would be seeing Gordon Greenidge on a cricket field.

But it seems it will be. He returned to Barbados after his intricate knee operation to recuperate. It will be 14 months till the West Indies team takes the field in a Test match after the present series.

But as the salutations are offered to Haynes as

he continues his smiling way around the shires of England this summer-he will doubtless be back for Middlesex next year and

is certainly earmarked as successor as captain to Vivian Richards-he says he is storing up much of the goodwill to take back and present to Greenidge in Barbados in September. Proxy farewells from English cricket.

Meanwhile, there is the brilliance of Haynes to enjoy. After his own



GREENIDGE

## The Cruel And The Sil



oack trouble early in the tour, I felt at Trent Bridge that he looked much looser, much happier. If so, one fears for England in the final Test

Not that Haynes has ever been anything but a happy cricketer. The

In the dressing room too. Greenidge and Haynes were chalk and cheese. Greenidge's corner a dark. brooding. monastic place: everything laid out neativ. almost too fastidiously. In contrast Haynes' 'space', near the door or open window, is

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contrast between him and Greenidge at the wicket-you could never fail to identify them from behind the ropes: the senior one compact and frowning with the most witheringly cruel axeman's attack at the ball, the other, much more the silky assassin, but both totally murderous of bowling.

They opened together in Tests an incredible 148 times-86 more times than the next most cosy opening partnership in history. Simpson and Lawry of Australia.

In the dressing-room too, Greenidge and Haynes were chalk and cheese, Greenidge's corner a dark, brooding, monastic place; everything laid out neatly, almost too fastidiously. In contrast, Haynes "space", near the door or open window, is always cheery, hail fellow, and higgledy-piggledy, kit and clobber this way and that. Says Haynes fingering the glinting gold pendant at his neck. inscribed "LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH"-"I only had to look across at Gordon's corner, everything so neat, tidy, and prepared. and say to myself, 'Man, there's the true pro to aspire to'. It was an honour to be second fiddle to him all those years. I just wish he could have had this one deserved farewell summer, getting all the goodbyes and applause. I'd love to go on as long as him-and, like he did. just get better and better all the time."

Still, for England, Haynes on his own remains a mighty handful.

HAYNES

## Axeman cy Assassin

#### VIEWPOINT

By MUDAR PATHERYA

## KISMET,

iction turning into fact is one of life's rewarding experiences.

As a cricket writer I have seen this happen only twice-Mohinder
Amarnath hitting
Michael Holding on the pads at Lord's in 1983 and Javed Miandad hitting the most celebrated six of his career at Sharjah three years later. However, it is an anecdote about a former first-class cricketer called Harold

1935: Harold Gimblett, 20, was given a trial by Somerset. From village green to Taunton proved a yast transition: the young man who could swing his bet around with a butcher's abandon was soon exposed in the slickly clinical county laboratory. Gimblett was rejected. The verdict was straightforward: Gimblett had neither the skill nor the temperament to succeed at the first-class level

Gimblett that forms my favourite bedtime story

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There is an emotional narrative in Gimblett's biography by David Foot. Gimblett, he relates, arrived at the county ground with no cricket bag. He was shown to the professionals' dressing room. Someone told him: There's two pegs. That's

where you change. And speak when you are spoken to.'

When they walked out for the 'pudding proof', the Somerset giant Arthur Wellard pronounced: 'At least you look like a cricketer. We'll soon find out if you are one.' They soon did Gimblett wasn't "Wellard and Andrews started knocking over the stumps faster than I

Harold Gimblett: Somerset's favourite son



### HARDLY!



dressing room that their regular. Laurie Hawkins had taken a knock on the thumb and would be out for the game beginning on Saturday. Somerset were down to ten at the eleventh-and-a-half hour. Captain Jack White rued his luck. Resigned, he said: "We'll just have to play this bloke Gimblett".

As simple as that. A county throw-away making his first-class debut because the side was a player short.

Now came the geographical headache of logistics. The young man had never been to Frome-the venue-before. He was

could pick them up. I realised for the first time the enormous gap between first class and club cricket," recalled Gimblett.

days before his death supported by his wife Rita (left) and an old friend

So a 'Sorry, thank you' note it was. More specifically, the Somerset captain Jack White pitied the embarrassment of a raw 20-year-old, asked him to hang around until the end of the week in exchange for 35 shillings and his bus fare. "Afraid you are not good enough," he said. Young Gimblett couldn't be bothered "This has been

one of the most wonderful weeks of my life, sir," he said. "I've met all my heroes."

Somerset played a
Taunton game
immediately after, and
the fresh reject was
called upon to help out in
the extra-curricular; he
helped pick up the grass
and prepare the wicket
for the next match.
Eventually, he ended up
fielding as a substitute
for both sides

Enter kismet. Just when Gimblett was packing to take the bus back home, word filtered into the Somerset



Harold Gimblett as he was during his halcyon Somerset days

advised to catch an early bus to Bridgwater, and then a second one to the fixture. On second thoughts this was changed to get to Bridgwater by 9 o clock for one of the other care keters to pick. Gimblett up in his car

Gimblett almost never made his county debut He missed the bus that was to take him to Bridgwater and stood by for the next one—two hours later. Alorry gradually emerged from the edge of the horizon

Gimblett waved him to a stop Sorry I ve missed the bus OK Jump in Where are you going? To Frome Why? To play cricket. Who for? Somerset Oh ah!

Gimblett gatecrashed into the most important match of his life Somerset was batting Gimblett checked his name on the scoresheet he was number eight. An the ordeal seemed a long way off. With a fair amount of resistance. Gimblett may need to bat only on the second morning.

No hope Somerset lost three for 35 Later it was 105 for five By 2 20 in the afternoon Harold Gunblett only earlier in the week asked to return home by his county was actually walking out to bat for it

He remembered the dressing room advice Peter Smith will always bowl you a googly, so be ready for it he was told Googly? Gimblett was confused Now what the hell was this? I d never seen one he said Wally Luckes patiently



Gimblett with Alan Pearse, a Somerset teammate when they played Kent in 1936

The 20-year-old, who should have returned home with 35 shillings in his pocket, stayed back to play for Somerset from 1935 to 1954. He scored 49 centuries for them and aggregated more than 23,000 runs in first-class cricket. His highest was 310 against Sussex in 1948. And he played three Test matches for England

explained that it looked like a leg spinner but went the other way Meanwhile a throaty voice in the crowd shouted Leave it to Arthur (Wellard) son

Peter Smith chuckled to himself His first googly was unknowingly pushed to mid wicket for a single In his second over Gimblett straight-drove him to the boundary Aha said Peter Smith to himself and tossed up the decoys His fourth over

yielded 15 runs One leg break was overpitched Gimblett lifted him over mid off for six The beer tent emptied

The scorers were going berserk in nine overs, Somerset gathered 69 runs Gimblett 48 A six celebrated his half century it had taken 28 minutes and 33 balls

Meanwhile, Wellard was stumped Wally Luckes was bowled by Nichols When Nichols tested Gimblett with a short ball the tyro hooked it to the boundary When Gimblett got to his maiden century in first-class cricket only 30 runs had been scored by batsmen at the other end Time taken 63 minutes It turned out to be the fastest hundred by anyone in the summer of 1935 His 123 eventually consumed only 79 minutes

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Harold Gimblett, English cricket folk hero, took his own life in 1978.

## EADEF

#### **QUESTIONS**

. Who invented the 'feather first' service in badminton? . Who scored a **Z**double century in his last Test innings?

**Q**. Which Test Ocricketer is supposed to have effected a dismissal off the very first ball he has kept wicket to?

4. What is the non-sporting hobby of Vasily Alexevey, the world record holder in the super heavyweight category of weightlifting?

. Who is the only 5. Who is to Aborigine to have won a Grand Slam event in tennis?

6. Which Pakistani captain has played Ranji Trophy in post-Independent India?

7. Which Ranji cricketer died when the Bangalore bound Island Express met with an accident?

#### **ANSWERS**

- 1. Misbun Sidek of Malaysia
- 2. Seymour Nurse (West Indies)
- 3, W.G. Grace
- 4. Clooking
- 5. Evonne Goolagong-Cawley

- 6. Asif igbal
  7. Ranjit Khanvilkar (Kamataka)
  8. Clive Lloyd, after 58 Tests
  9. Dirthy Pandove (Punjab) at 14 years and 294 days
  10. It is awarded to the host nation. India has won it
- 11, Biethion
- 12. Chuni Goswami 13. He accred one goal with his head, one with his
- left foot and the other with his right foot
  14. The Hadies brothers—Dayle, Richard and Barry
  15. Both have bowled a no-ball—their only delivery of the match—to give victory to the opposing side

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8. Which cricketer has the distinction of scoring a duck after a maximum number of Test matches?

9. Who is the youngest Indian to have scored a first class century?

1 OWhat is the Egypt Cup awarded for in world table tennis?

1.1. Which winter sport involves shooting?

2. Which Indian footballer was contacted to play for Tottenham Hotspurs?

13. What was so special about Geoff Hurst's three goal burst in the 1966 World Cup football finals?

4. Who are the three brothers to have played in the same one-day international?

15. What do Kirmani and David Gower have in common as bowlers?



Patrick
Eagar's
action
coverage
of the
Cornhill
Test
series
so far

Right: Phil Simmons is bowled by Illingworth's first ball in Test cricket

Extreme right: Gus Logie finds himself at the feet of batsman Derek Pringle while attempting a catch at forward-short leg





### ACTION!

WINDIES IN ENGLAND



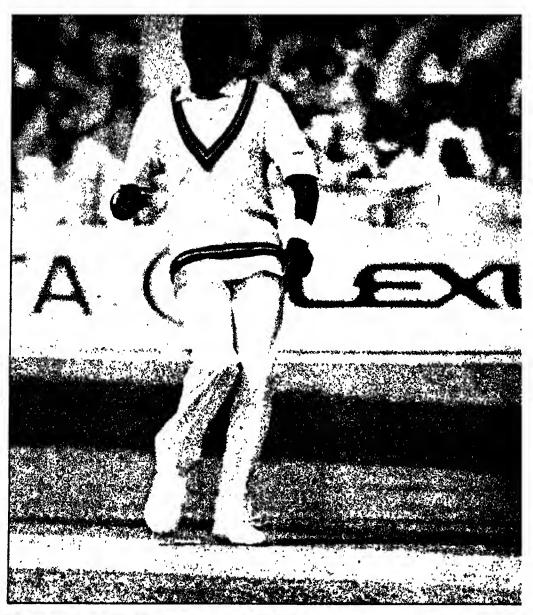


Clockwise from right:
Graeme Hick's problem with
the short rising ball shows
once again. The helmet saved
him when he was hit on the
back of the head by Ambrose

Ambrose has the measure of Hick again...caught Richards for 0

England's fast bowler David Lawrence bowls Richardson and Richards is disappointed

Richards punishes bowler Hick



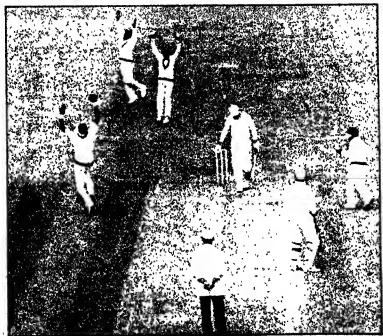
















Top: Marshall has come good with that bat in this series. The paunch might be bigger but he is still a threat

Left: When Gooch is out the Windies know they have got the major threat out of the way. Here Ambrose has the England captain

Right: You can't cap this:Viv Richards in flamboyant action



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"There were days (in 1969) when I felt I could have hit the ball with the bloody handle and still won"

-Rod Laver

#### RODIAVER

### Little Big Man

"I worked as a messenger boy, played tennis at lunch hours and week ends. They were difficult times. I was living completely on my own, home-sick, lonely, not at all sure of myself. It was good for me all right. It hardened me, gave me a feeling of being a solid individual"

Rodney George Laver

HEN Rod Laver walked onto court with his quick, mincing, pigeon toed step he appeared more like a ballboy in disguise

He was lean and light, 173 cms tall and weighing 68 kg. His face was freckled and boyish, and if the sun was up he would don his broad brimmed Australian hat, a rather battered white floppy thing which he tipped jauntily over his eyes like a teenager or pressed firmly over his ears like an old lady on a cold, rainy morning



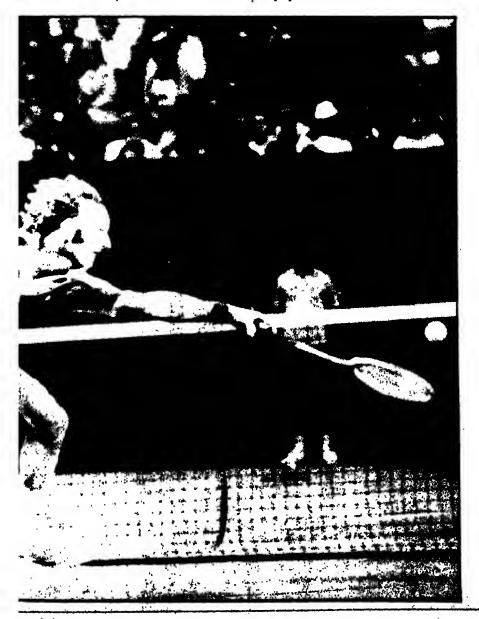
Great tennis players were supposed to be big, suave and domineering, yet looking at Laver one thought, what is this little redhead doing on the same courts as the world's professionals?

Only thing was. Rod Laver was the little man who played the biggest game. Frighteningly aggressive and committed, he would hit the ball consistently hard—by the end of 1969 he had won Rs 8.62 lakhs in prize money and moreover had achieved the Grand Slam twice (1962 and 1969), a feat now considered impossible. Who was this incredible man?

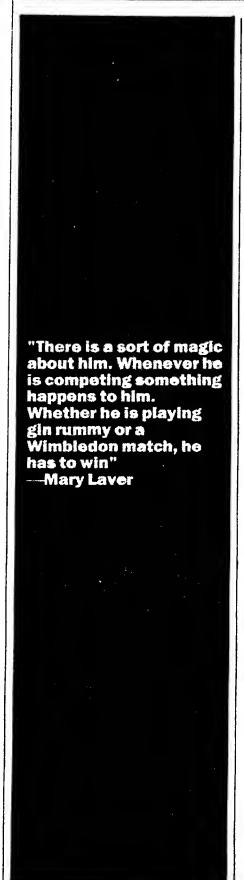
THE Rod Laver story began in Rockhampton, Australia in the

August of 1938, and appropriately, in later years, he was to be nicknamed, The Rockhampton Rocket'. His father reared cattle for a living, yet possessed some keenness for tennis, which he passed on to his sons, though young Rod spent his early years being consistently beaten by his brother. His taleni though was quickly evident, and Charlie Hollis. a coach and friend of Laver. Sr. took the young hopeful under his wing. It was under his tutelage that Laver developed his ruthless streak, for Hollis' principal lesson was: play all shots with a killer instinct.

Being small, Laver required topspin on his drives, so that he



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could hit hard without overshooting the baseline. "We would put tin cars inside the baseline and try to hit them", he said, adding, "I could do it lairly well when I used topspin, but if I hit flat the ball would sail over". To execute his topspin drives. Laver needed stronger wrists and once again Hollis was at hand to help. Said Laver, "Charlie made me keep a squash ball in my left pocket and i would squeeze it all day at school".

Laver developed swiftly and Hollis demonstrated a keenness to enter him in tournaments even though he was only 11. "Just before I was 13, I played a tall. gentleman in the linals of a B-tournament in Rockhampton", Laver recalled. "He said, 'I don't mind losing to a slip of a kid, but

having to kneel down to shake his hand is rough'."

Soon after, at 15, Laver suffered a serious attack of jaundice and when he recovered was told he'd have to take that term at school again. Laver declined, left school, his heart now with tennis.

The Dunlop company had long shown an interest in him, and he moved to Brisbane, over 640 kilometres from home, to work for them at about Rs. 112 a week. This was the time when he worked as a messenger boy, and played whenever he could steal some time, an experience, which 'hardened' him.

Laver at that point lived for tennis. He went to a local gymnasium and lifted weights to strengthen his shoulders and develop his slight build. On court too he was tireless, labouring hard, eager and ambitious.

Things then happened swiftly. Only 18, he went to the United States and won the National Junior title, impressing already with his powerful shotmaking. Two years later he was a contender at every tournament he played, and then in 1962, still an amateur and just 24, he won all four majors to achieve his first Grand Slam.

in 1963, Laver turned professional, signing a three year contract that guaranteed him nearly Rs. 2.25 lakhs. But, he started off by being unable to beat anyone. As his compatriot Lew Hoad said, "Red lost 21 out of his first 23 matches. It came as a revelation to many tennis fans who thought that the top amateur was on the same level with the top pros."

Laver was hardly discouraged.





for as Ken Rosewall, then No. 1. explained, "Everytime an amateur turns pro he gets licked so badly, that he gets terribly discouraged. Not so with Rocket. With him it became a challenge".

Those months in 1963 were Laver's initiation into manhood. He thought of the year as one long match, losing the early sets preparing to win the later ones. "I was hungry to win", he recalled, "I wanted to taste the winning. I was 25 and a tennis player. I thought, if I was not going to be a winner, what was the point of it all?".

It was only a question of time. Soon the spate of defeats became ancient history and the No. 1 amateur of 1962 became the No. 1 pro in 1967. And during this transition he got married.

Laver met Mary Benson in 1966 at a charity tennis exhibition in Los Angeles where she lived. "When I married Mary, I found an inner feeling that helped me. There was no extra pressure on me, but I tried harder".

it obviously helped, for by the beginning of 1969 he had improved so much that he could not lose. "There were days". Laver said, "when I felt I could have hit the ball with the bloody handle and still won". This, was his true period of genius.

"There is a sort of magic about him", explained his wife Mary. "Whenever he is competing, something happens to him. It does not matter what the game is—whether gin rummy or a Wimbledon match—he has to win it. His mind works that way. He doesn't have to prepare for a match, he is always prepared. It is built-in, as if this is what he was put on earth to do".

If that is so, then Rodney George Laver did it well.

Biplab K. Mazumdar

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World Under-21 Snooker Championship

### O'SULLIVAN IS OUTSTANDING

O'Suilivan (left) gets a helping hand from

F there ever has been a one-man show in sport, it was this—the World Under-21 Snooker Championship of 1991.
The spotlight never left 15-year-old Ronald Antonio O'Sullivan from the moment he picked up his cue on day one till the final day when he lifted the trophy. The two weeks inbetween had seen him turn in an absolutely scintillating performance which culminated in a crescendo when he

beat Patrick Delsemme of Belgium 11-4 in the final.

What made his superb run even better was the resilience
O'Sullivan displayed whenever he was pushed into a corner. Showing that champions are made of sterner stuff, he first wriggled out of trouble in the pre-quarter-finals against New Zealander Mark Canovan. Then, in the final too, he suddenly replaced the flat beer he had served in the opening session with bubbling champagne to swing

india's Sonic Multani couldn't fathom out the opposition this time





the match his way and take the title.

Trailing Delsemme by two frames, O'Sullivan managed to end the first session just one frame in arrears, 3-4. But the following day saw the British under-16 champion at his ruthless best. His opponent standing shell-shocked as O'Sullivan displayed some of the sharpshooting skills that has made him the youngest player in the world to notch up the magical score of 147 to run off 131 points on the trot.

Delsemme, whose safe play in the first session had kept O'Sullivan in check, must have wondered what went wrong. His very first 'safe' shot in the second session turned into disaster. At that moment, there were all 15 red on the table. But barely seven minutes later, only the black ball remained on the green baize. Sinking a long red to start the break, O'Sullivan used fine judgement to extricate the bunched-up reds one by one and build the break. Once the table got less crowded, it was even smoother potting. The reds flowing into the pockets with pinpoint accuracy, while the colours rocketed in behind them.

That was the opening of the floodgates as far as O'Sullivan was concerned. Refusing to relax even a bit, he just washed away Delsemme's defensive strategies before the 17-year-old Belgian could launch another attack.

Starting off in the same group, both O'Sullivan and Delsemme finished one and two after the round robin stage. But O'Sullivan's run here was unbelievable. He was at the table for a bare 30 minutes for his first match against India's Dhiraj Vij as he came up with a rip-roaring 4-0 triumph. in fact this could be one for Guinness as the hapless Vij was allowed just one point in the whole match! He then proceeded to demolish all the opposition in almost similar manner, only Deisemme and india's Cherag Ramakrishan able to take frames off him. "I'm getting bored with the opposition," he said during his league matches.

O'Sullivan's boredom very nearly ended when the last 16 stage began, as Mark Canovan played a highly intelligent game and was just one frame away from victory with a 4-3 lead. It was just the New Zealander's lack of experience that allowed the champ to turn the tide. India's Rafat Habib and Australia's Van Den Nowland were just no match for him as he breezed through to the final.

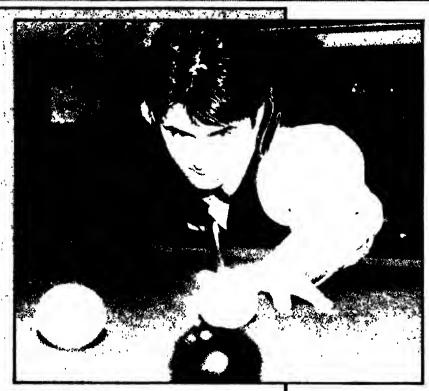
Delsemme on the other hand, was hardly noticed in the initial stages. But his amazing potting power soon caught the eye as the elegant left-hander impressed with his style. But even when he subdued the fancied Singapore lad Chong Keow Goh in the quarter-final, no one gave him a chance to make it to even the semis, for he was pitted next against Finland's Robin Hull, another potting expert and the one for big breaks. Hull had already notched up three century breaks in magnificent style and as he went into a 3-0 lead against Deisemme. it looked like curtains for the Belgian. But Delsemme, showing plenty of guts, brought his masterly play to a boil to race on to a 5-4 win. This victory boosted his confidence a lot against india's fancied Sonic Multani, the popular Belgian showing no signs of nerves at all to clinch an 8-4 victory to make the final.

As for the indian challenge,

#### semme as he displays the winner's trophy and the trophy for the highest break



### MEET THE CHAMPION A BOY IN A MAN'S



#### Concentration writ large on his face, O'Sullivan marches on to the title

VEN before he left the shores of England, Ronald Antonio O'Sullivan's reputation had reached Bangalore. The British under-16 champion had achieved an amazing feat—he was the youngest player to get a break of 147 and that too in a tournament. He had been refused entry into the pro world as he was too young and was asked to wait for a year. And the man who was interested in him was none other than the famous English promoter Barry Hearn.

The World Under-21 Championship which began in early June at Bangalore saw a good crowd at any table that featured O'Sullivan. While the first day provided only a 30-minute glimpse of the prodigy—Dhiraj Vij of India being steamrollered 4-0—but O'Sullivan just

missed century breaks twice, failing at 95 and 99.

Give Ronnie half a chance and you'll see the balls disappear one by one for he plays all the shots in the game and plays them with tremendous confidence. He breaks the bunch, disturbs them when needed as the cue becomes a magic wand in his hands with the cue ball made to rest precisely where he wants it - such is his skill, precision and thinking. He does not plan only the next shot but a couple or more in advance.

Tail, and with a fine stance, O'Sullivan's potting is absolutely clean. In addition, he's already developed a highly professional attitude which makes him wary, yet ruthless, of his opponent. No relaxing or taking things easy when in the lead, for this boy. He is on the prowl all the time, always keen on tightening the screws.

With so many victories to his credit, he must have received a lot of gifts and mementoes. But the one gift he'll always cherish is the one he received from his father at Christmas when he was nine years old—a billiards table. That moulded his whole career and at this young age the lad is firm about his professional career which begins next year under the care of Barry Hearn.

O'Sullivan has the stuff to make it good in the professional world, skill, guts, temperament and the ability to raise his game whenever needed. Let's hope he stands up well in this new world.

Multani, who was even expected to win the title here was a big disappointment along with the other seeded Indians who never rose to the occasion. Multani went into a shell of his own making against Delsemme, in spite of what should have been a morale-boosting triumph against teammate Rohit Rajgarhia during which he notched up a century break. But one or two early misses seemed to have upset him and he just blew up his game.

Rafat Habib from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka's Ajay Prabhakar did pretty well. Rafat, who was eighth in the re-seedings at the last 16 stage, needs a lot of exposure if he wants to make it big. Something that applies to all the other Indians

too.

But the difference in class was too much. Except for O'Sullivan, Robin Hull and Delsemme, the other players all relied on defensive play, always waiting for their opponents to leave them on, hardly relying on their own aggression to create openings. The sad part was: eight Indians made it to the last 16 and none could make it even to the last four.

Radhika, Bangaloro

### KARATE

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By Shivaji Ganguly Kyokushinkalkan karate

PHOTOGRAPHS RAMAN BHALLA



### Non-stop soccer: A TV disaster

OR American television executives as well as advertisers. soccer has always posed a

seemingly insoluble problem.

Being a continuous action game, it has allowed little scope for television producers and cameramen to fit all the adverts they have been paid for. And now despite prolonged brain storming by American TV executives, a sensible way out of the impasse is still to be discovered.

One partially successful solution, tried by ESPN during the 1986 World Cup, was to suddenly condense the picture and frame it with the advertising 'message.'

On the other hand, the Italians too had devised a technique, known as 'minl-break' which provided a direct cutaway to one short, sharp advertising snap when the ball goes out for a throw-in or goal kick.

But even that has not provided quite a satisfactory answer to the problem and American TV tycoons are now worried about the huge revenue loss they might have to incur, if they fail to find that elusive and seemingly

impossible camera technique incorporating all the adverts during the non stop soccer action.

### Klinsmann to retire in 1002

AYBE success has come in an avalanche in Jurgen Klinsmann's life. So much so, that at only 26, and still at his very best, the German hero now wants to quit the game that has become the single largest benefactor in his life.

"I'm quitting football next year," Klinsmann recently said, and his announcement came at a time when footballers all over the world, young and old are clamouring to join Italy's 'League of millionaires."

Klinsmann, obviously, could not care less. For the blond, bustling, tough striker is already rich beyond his wildest dreams. So, he said, explaining his decision, "I have had enough. Winning the World Cup was the absolute peak of my sporting achievement. Nothing could surpass it. But there are other things in life besides football."

Klinsmann, it seems, has other loftly ideals to pursue. He said, "I want to make a contribution towards helping humanity. I will fulfil my contract in Milan by next summer, possibly help







the national team in the European Championship finals, if we qualify, and then quit the same.

Arrecologist. Klinsmann admits to an affinity with the Green Party, is concerned about the environment. and is pained by the rising rate of crime among the young. As part of his campaign against environmental pollution, and the degeneraling influence among the youth, Klinsmann is now planning a trek in America with his rucksack to spread his message to a nation plagued with the drug and crime menace.

### The New Diego

VER since the downfall of Diego Maradona, the question haunting every mind in Argentinian as well as world football is, will the nation give birth to another soccer god.

Well, in all likelihood, a very positive, and encouraging answer is going to be provided soon as a whole new generation of enormously talented players comes up.

Among them the most promising and newsmaking is Latorre. of Boca Juniors, last season's Player of the Year and still only 20 years of age. And, believe

it or not, the first name of the upcoming, maverick footballer is Diego. Too much of a coincidence, isn't it?

Recently, his football prowess came to the fore as a string of brilliant performances helped his side to the top of the First Division.

Diego scored seven goals in nine games and was largely responsible for destroying rival River Plate's aspirations of progressing in the Libertadores Cup—a super classic that caught the attention of the nation.

Endowed with a streak of versatility about his game, Latorre is able to make his mark on either wing and has been effectively used as a centre forward in spite of his lack of height.

His greatest attributes are his close control and ability to turn away from close marking. Most of his goals are from snatched opportunities well within the penalty area, and in addition, his long range nearly impeccable marksmanship is an added source of strength.

### Glasnost in Moscow Spartak

F there is one area in the Soviet life where glasnost has really been successful it certainly is soccer and Moscow Spartak.

It is well known that political conservatism is what held the entire

country back, its sports. especially soccer.

Then, concerned about the future of the game, Moscow Spartak decided to take certain revolutionary steps. For years, they had been toeing the party line, but now they are determinedly coming out of the void, to make football and the general atmosphere in the club more professional.

### The Art of Darkness

HEY came in . a sudden. stealthy move, hurled their deadly grenades with diabolical accuracy and dissolved into the darkness. The raid was the first carried out by the Shining Light guerilla group on a soccer team, Deportes Ni Municipal, who were due to play Alianza of Lima. The result: One player was killed and seven others seriously injured in a bomb attack on the Peruvial club.

The blast, caused by a bomb thought to have been hidden in an aerosol can killed Hector Mathei, who represented Peru in this year's South American Under-20 championships.

The attack, more than anything else, caused renewed speculation about the cause of the plane crash that killed the entire Alianza first team squad three years ago.

## OR TEMPORARY ENTHUSIASM?

EVER in the annals of Indian football has it happened, that a local league match between two club teams has attracted over 1,10,000 spectators. It is inconceivable, really. But true. Nevertheless, one needn't blindly be optimistic that what happened recently, when Mohun Bagan met East Bengal at the Sait Lake stadium.

will reoccur in the future.

Though one cannot doubt the intensity of a Bagan-East Bengal encounter, it has the experience in the last few years that very few fans of the clubs were willing to brave the heat, dust and the distance to witness the action. But July 20,1991, broke all previous records when thousands poured in endlessly to watch the scintillating battle between the two giants in Indian soccer.

Nevertheless, the game did have its sordid side too: several players were cautioned by referee Sumanta Ghosh for atrocious fouls. Bagan's Satyajii Chatterjee was mercifully spared from the dreaded punishmeni which, apart from handicapping his team. would have sparked off enormous trouble amongst the already frenzied supporters.

The crucial tie was a flercely fought—and therefore

Mohun Bagan's
Cheema
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action against
East Bengai.
Notice the
packed stands,
in the normally
empty Sait Lake
stadium





Subhash Sarcar

crude—battle which culminated in a goalless draw. It was also the last big encounter of the first part of the league and at the end of it was advantage East Bengal—two points ahead of both Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting.

### SPIRIT OF THE SEVENTIES?

THE most vital question is why this year's super league has generated such considerable enthusiasm comparable even to the spirit of the Seventies? Why is there this renewed zeal on the maidan, although the present bunch of so-called megastars can in no way be compared to the class and talent of the Seventies? How long this euphoria will last depends solely on the performances of the Big Three in

ASHOKE CHAMBABOHTY

the curreni return league which Mohammedan SC have already begun with a hiccup against Kumartuli?

Yet the point is, why is it that the keenness continues despite the appalling inconsistency and the falling standard? Even goals are at a premium.

One reason may be that the super league system, which was introduced only last year, is unpredictable in its final result, the suspense lasting till the last match is played. Last year, East Bengal lost the title to Bagan because the former drew their last match.

The Eighties lost out in spectator interest (to some extent) because of the deteriorating standard of the maidan game. As a result clubs like East Bengal and Mohammedan SC began to induct foreigners to put a check to membership withdrawals, which hampered the clubs' finances. Moreover the Big Three weren't doing too well in all-India tournaments. The interest waned in Calcutta with the constant drubbing the teams got in away competitions. Whatever enthusiasm remained was due to the presence of the Nigerians and a few other select players.

### MONEY, THE ROOT OF ALL REVIVAL

If one were to point to the biggest influence in the apparent sudden turn-around in the maidan, it would have to be the money-boom witnessed during the transfers prior to the start of the season.

The large sums of money pumped in by the Big Three meant that the recognised stars were now elevated to big-time megastars. Moreover, fresh "outstation" talent was infused into the maidan. All this was played up by the media, and public anticipation was all bottled up. Ready to burst. Expectations are high and each club's fans apparently have something to look forward to this season.

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barred Mohun Bagan from recrulting foreigners. To the club it was a sort of convention not to play foreigners. But in the changing situation, a change was in the offing. Therefore, last season they tried to rope in Cheema Okerie but East Bengal's deal was much more lucrative.

Club secretary Tutu Bose's prize comp of getting Cheema back, as the highest paid player in India, to Calcutta got tremendous publicity from the local media. The fans went berserk for it was the club's lirst foreign recruitment. Its 'saviour'. Added to that were the signing of Kerala Police's Vijayan and Saraf Ali(both had played well in KP's Federation Cup triumphs and in the last Nehru Gold Cup) and Santha Kumar of Maharashtra(who was a successful midfielder in Mahindras and the Santosh Trophy).

Mohammedan Sporting recruited the ever efficient Mahindras' forwardline of Godfrey Periera, Aqueel Ausari and Mushtaq Ali who had proved their worth last season. MSC had their share of "hired" Bangladeshis too—Kanan, Johny, Rehan and Kaisar, Mohammedan SC's triumph over Bagan and a draw against East Bengal in the first 'round' has further fanned the fire and generated intense passion among the club members and fans.

Since East Bengal had lost the services of Cheema and Monaranjan Bhattacharjee, the club was prompt enough to sign three Bangia players, Aslam, Rumi and Munna. Although the trio proved to be just like any of our Indian stars, the crowds still lilled the galleries to capacity to see their team. Krishanu Dey, with his classic performance, also added more attraction.

ers will find a HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

WHAT will happen now that all the Bangladeshis have gone home to participate in their league is hard to tell. East Bengal and

Crowds during this year's super ieaque matches are reminiscent of the Seventies

Mohammedan SC will now have to rely on the sons of the soil. And mind you, the local stars—perhaps the coaches too—didn't take too kindly to the Bangladeshi invasion

'Take it from me, eventually very few of our local players will find a place in the teams'—an ex-official of a big club





and the resulting displeasure might start showing itself now.

An ex-official of a big club known for his blunt talk provides the dull—but perhaps true—picture of

things to come. 'The enthusiasm is there alright because of the big money and the publicity. But can you guarantee that this will last long? Yes, you can compare the huge crowd of today's with that of the Seventies. But can you compare the present day players to those of the 70s? Nayeem, Sudhir Karmakar, Gautam Sarkar, Samaresh Chowdhury, Shyamal Banerjee, Habib, Prasun Banerjee, Surajit Sengupta and a host of others who gave us entertainment.

"Then again the crowds are pouring because of the foreign players and I won't be the least surprised if from next season more foreigners (Bangladeshis, may be Iraqis and Iranians) join the line-up of the Big Three. Take it from me, eventually very few of our local players will find a place in the teams. What will happen to them? The IFA must be rigid on playing more junior players if we are to unearth talent."

Moreover, soon the IFA will have to give thought to limiting a team's 'import quota' otherwise Calcutta footall might in the years to come be anything but *Calcutta* football.

### PRE OLYMPIC SOCCER

HE City of
Charminar which
is celebrating a
belated 400 years
of its existence, has been
bestowed with the
responsibility of staging
the Pre-Olympic Asian
Group "B" Football
championship.

The five-nation meet will kick off on August 4 where India will meet Oman. Apart from these two teams, Syria, Lebanon, and Kuwait are also in the fray.

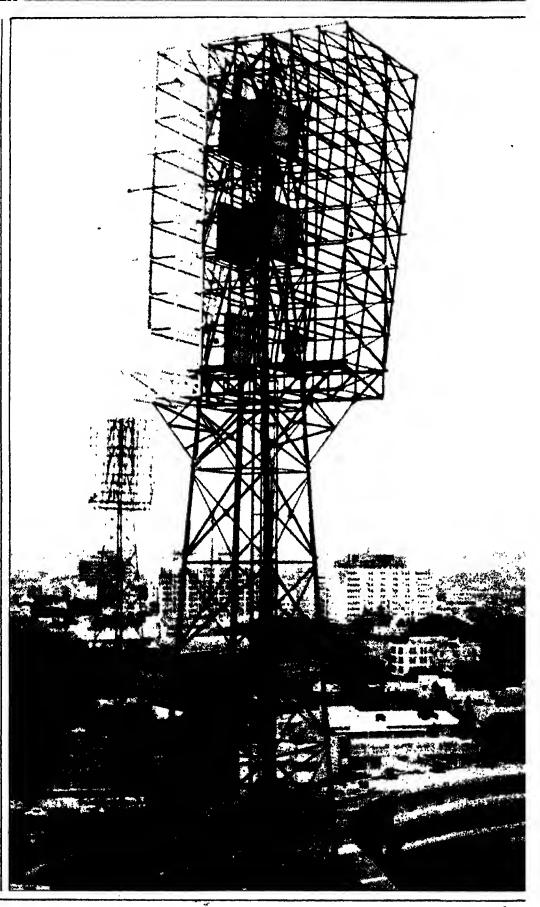
The Indian probables who arrived in the first week of July have not shown any satisfactory results so far, in spite of playing four matches against local teams.

Although chief coach Josef Gelei expressed happiness at the progress made at the Bangalore camp, he seemed to be unhappy over the team's poor performance during the practise matches.

Despite rains, the Hungarian coach put the boys on work daily for two sessions to improve their fitness, which has shown good results. However in spite of these exercises the squad expected the All india Football Federation to organise trips to Hungary, Nepal and Bangladesh. But two trips fell through and finally the team went to Nepal.

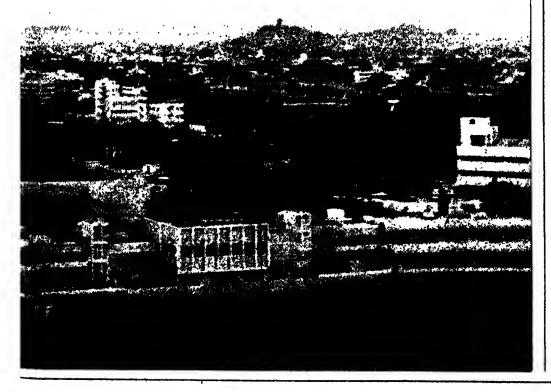
The eight-day meet, which is to be held at the Lal Bahadur Stadium is being renovated at a cost of Rs 7 crores. The entire stadium now wears a new look. The ground has been dug up six inches and a new turf has been laid. But the organisers are worried since the grass level has not met international standards.

The AIFF president.



A panoramic view of the Lai Bahadur Stadium with Hyderabad city in the background

### ACID TEST FOR INDIA



P.R. Das Munshi, who was in the city recently expressed unhappiness. He requisitioned two experts from Calcutta to supervise the work. Though the men were here, the chairman of the ground panel, LVenkat Ram Reddy, dispelled doubts about the ground being unfit to stage the big event. He said that plenty of sunshine is needed for the relaid surface for the growth of the grass.

Mr. Reddy said the ground was handed over on May 14 this year and how can one expect miracles overnight. He also said in areas where the grass did not take root, replanting work was done.

For the first time in South India,a sophisticated flood-lighting system has been installed at the cost of Rs. 2.25 crores. This system, according to a Philips source, is the best in the country. The advantage of this system is that it offers maximum clarity to the viewers.

Though the Andhra
Pradesh government has
got itself involved in
staging the meet, it has
given little
representation to the
state football
association. Safely one
can say that the APFA
has been left in the cold.

There are doubts whether the ground conditions would permit staging of two matches a day. At the time of going to press nothing has been heard as to how many ties would be played daily because of ground problems.

All said and done the football lovers will have to keep their fingers crossed till the last moment.

### SPORTSWEEK I

### This week in the history of sport

N July 31, 1917 Gay Crusader owned by A Cox won the postponed wartime New Derby' at New Market England It saw the return of horse racing after World War I

NE of the oldest continuing boat races, the Doggetts Coat and Badge Race still held annually along the Thames from London Bridge to Chelsea, was first held on Aug 1, 1715.

N Aug 2, 1787, Horace Saussure reached the summit of the highest peak in the French Alps Mt Blanc, at 15,771 ft

N Aug 3, 1987,
15 year old
Maharashtrian
schoolgiri Arati Pradhan
became the youngest
Asian to swim across the
English Channel

FIER 12 of the 20 lap 312 mile

championship race in Germany. Argentinian racer Juan Manual Fangio swung into the pit, stopped his car changed the tyre and lost one minute before starting again to overtake all those ahead of him, and won the championship in one of the most thrilling events in auto racing on Aug 4, 1957.

ON Aug 5, 1946 Tony Galento USA, for a bet fought an Octopus with gloves fastened to its tentacles but soon beat a hasty retreat when the animal wrapped four of its tentacles round him N British bare-knuckle heavyweight boxing championship match held on the banks of the Thames outside London on Aug 6, 1866, Jem Mace defeated Joe Goss in round 21

A.R. Sharif

#### MILESTONES

TURNED DOWN: By South Africa the offer to participate in the Tokyo World Athletics Championships. They were given a temporary affiliation by the IAAF till Aug. 20 when they would be voted back as a full member. All five federations of South African athletics turned down the offer unanimously. JOINED: England mid -fielder David Platt, the Italian club Bari for a record fee of £5.5 million. **WON** By Argentina their first South American soccer title in 32 years. They defeated Columbia 2-1 in the final. Brazil came rumers up. **WOM:** By Jennifer Capriati the

Pathmark Tennie

Classic played in

New Jersey. She defeated top seed Monica Seles in the final **ELECTED:** Tyronne Fernando, Minister for legal and prison reforms as President of The Board of control for Cricket in Sri Lanka **WON:** By Michael Stich the Mercedes Cup played in Stuttgart. He defeated Alberto Mancini of Argentina in the final. With this win he became No. 3 in the ATP rankings. DECLINED: Merrica Seles to play in the Federation Cup. She cites her leg injury as the reason for the withdrawal. CLEARED: By the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs the Amateur Athletic Federation of India's bid to host the 5th Permit Meet. IMPROVED: BY



Mericae Ottey her county 991 world best thining for the 100 juin. She clocked 10.79 sees, 0.08 sees less than the timing she set in Laussaue in July this year. FO WONT: George Foremen and Boone Puliz on Sept. 7 in Nassau, Bahanias. This 10 round bout will be Foreman's

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first fight since his. fight with Helpfield.

### ALL IN THE GAME

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Real Oliviedo were parte to get into the
European circuit for the parte yeason but by the
itme they had played the parte has they were a
place too low in the partie table. Their only
chance—or so it seemed—of making it was if
Atletico Madrid won the Ring's Cup, which is the
Spanish knockout competition. Victory in this
would qualify Atletico for the Cup Winners' Cup
and Oliviedo for the UEFA Cup.

Keeping these loopholes in mind, the director of Real Oliviedo invited the entire team to the great Gothic cathedral in the town. Pray ille hell was the instruction. They win, the players were told, "you will have bonuses and a car in your hand."

The team prayed Allerico won and Oliviedo go into the UEFA Cop. The players, needless to say, are whizzing around town in their shiny new cars.



### No SWENDLING Hopes drowned

age, it's a freaky thing.
Salaams to the
Lebanese learnwho
arrived to compete at
the World Student.
Games in Sheffield.

The seven Lebariese swimmers—this was the full contingent-who arrived at the World Student Games were too late to compete in the pool, so they then decided to diversify their skills to track and field instead. The swimmers registered for the athletics competition so that they would not have to face the ignominy of having to return home without taking part. The Lebanese were initially upset when told that there was no room for them in the swimming and that the organisers could not fit them in. Their



request to change disciplines was to be considered.

It would have to be something not much outside their capabilities, said Hatim Gheriani, a Libyan helping the Lebanese squad. Certainly not pole vaulting, he asserted, but with these guys, you never know.

### Hole-In-One?

Saround 30 years to hit a mole-in-one A Swedish boy by the name of Matthias. Herrstrom, aged 12, has proved to be an exception. He hit two in the same round. Herrstrom managed this little miracle while

Herrstrom managed this little miracle while playing in a competition which was revoltingly named the 'pec wee' competition in Simrishamin in southern Sweden. The distances on the two holes were 300 yards also a comparatively pedestrian 160 yards. What makes it there surprising is the fact that Herrstrom was given his first set of class before embassing on these rounds.

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### THEINDIAN

That's how
Surysasekhar
Ganguly is
known in the
international
chess circle.
Just back from
Brussels
where he
finished a
creditable third
in his category,
this guy is all
set to
go a long way...

ESPITE the accolades heaped on Indian chess. just three of our players have managed to perform creditably at the world level. Dibyendu Barua, the archtyal. 'Ingenious Indian', overcame his lack of opening knowledge to pick up a bronze at the World sub-junior way back in '79. Then came the peerless Anand who in '84 picked up a bronze in the sub-junior level. He went on to win the World Junior title in '88.

ND now comes Survasekhar Ganguly, who made his international debut at Warsaw recently and walked away with the bronze. He started the tournament seeded 27th but in course of the tournament earned the nick-name 'Indian Cobra'. No other name could describe this youngster better. Lightning speed (like Anand) and venomous attacks make up his game. These traits in his forte made him the youngest medal winner in the group and in fact he beat the defending champion and drew with the eventual winner. Actually, he was tied for the second spot, scoring 8 points from 11 games (seven wins, two losses and two draws) and ended up just half a point behind Leroy Andrian of France.

Despite the presence

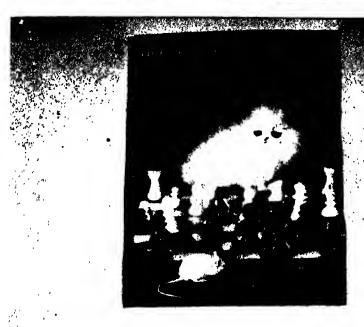


of Nawrose Nur (USA). the defending champion. Andrian was the top seed. The only internationally rated ten-year-old in the world. Andrian is a pupil of Boris Spassky and had a back up team of three International Masters and a GM. All the other squads had several IMs and computer aided facilities. Surya only had his personal coach. Abhijit Majumdar. To

make matters worse Mr Majumdar did not really have a clue of the world standards because the previous squads had not even bothered to pick up the game bulletins that are handed over to all the participants. Coming to think of it, it was not an untypical lapse on part of the All India Chess Federation. As a result the Indian squad went to Warsaw with no homework at all.

SURYA is still too young to realise how talented he is-to know that he is very specially gifted-and feel the pressures of performing upto expectations. He enjoys playing and he enjoys winning—very simple so far

### COBRA



The poster on the wall says it all: It's a cat and mouse party Surya would certainly agree to that



The first game saw Surya defeating the Quatar champion in a 16 move miniature. Garry Kasparov who was there at the opening ceremony kibitzed Surya's game standing over his shoulder. The overawed young man at the end of it all was only too pleased to receive an autograph from the maestro.

It was finally in the third round that the nickname 'Indian Cobra' was coined. The cobra swallowed Nur, known as the 'Eagle'. He actually checkmated the defending champion—the most humiliating defeat that could be accorded in chess. Usually people resign in hopeless situations but Nur did not exercise the option.

The fourth round saw him drawing with Andrian. A long theoritical variation of the Kalashnikov Sicilian and Majumdar's preparation coupled with Surya's understanding resulted in a tame draw.

It was then that the superior opening strategies of the opposing teams began to count. The IMs on the Austrian and Spanish teams managed to decode Surya's attacking style correctly and then prepared their principals accordingly.

The result—a loss in the fifth round to Vallejo Pako of Spain. Surya bored with Pako's dull Vienna Game (where nobody has attacking chances) tried to speed things up and lost. Then, trying to make up for this setback in the next match, he lost to Austrian Zumbotel

Thomas who played the Exchange Spanish

It was here that Majumdar decided to change the strategics because he realised the the cobra's bitchid been extracted. There was no doubt that Surva would outplay his adversames in unfamiliai middle games but getting the opponents into the trap was the problem. Then Majumdai advised Surya to try the Reti System normally played by eldcrly GMs (he liad never played this before) Surva was also willing to give it a try even though great versatility is required to change styles

The gamble paid off!
The Reti brought him two
quick wins. His
surprised opponents
could not adjust their
sights quickly enough
and the cobra had
grown a new set of
teeth

He won his next three games to come back into contention. Then facing L. Vaida in the penultimate round he knew that the Rumanian would come well armed for the Reti

He switched back to his beloved king pawir and drew an exciting Scotch Gambit Surva went into the last round knowing that a win would fetch at least the bronze. He wiped out his Malaysian opponent taking only 20 minutes for the game. Like Anand. Surva 5 speed of thought quite often pushes his opponents into time pressure.

He has an automatic
The author (right) seems to
be a tight spot here
whereas Surya seems to
be the composed one



seeding for next year s age group championship He will be a gold medal favourite because Andrian and Pako will be overage Also the cobra has already received invitations from USSR. Spain Sweden and Germany so impressive was his play



He had only two complaints about Warsaw. One was the language."Everything is written in English, but you can't understand it" and they can't follow you. He spoke Bengali to the locals since they were equally likely to follow that!

The other was food. A

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steady diet of fruit Juice. boiled vegetables and boiled meat left him pining for his "bhat-mach". On one occasion he was reduced to mimicking a rooster when he wanted chicken in a hotel.

These are problems he will face again and again. Unfamiliar cuisine, strange cultures and impossible language barriers—he will learn to tolerate them all. After all you can't have your mach-bhat and eat it too.

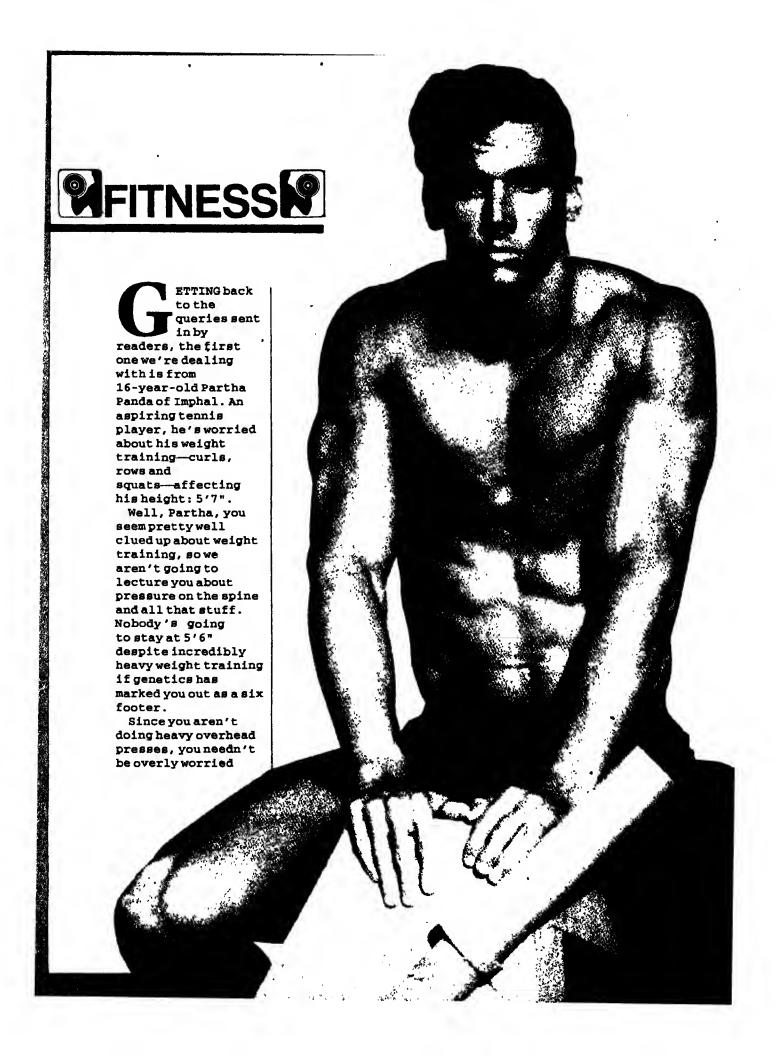
World class sportsmen live out of suttcases, and eat whatever the locals fancy. They learn languages through sheer necessity and India's youngest international is, if anything, world class.

Warsaw or Tbilisi, Madrid or Stockholm. Calcutta or Calicut the job remains the same. Sit down in front of 64 squares and beat your opponent. Surva is still too young to realise how talented he is-to know that he is very specially gifted- to feel the pressures of performing upto expectations. He enjoys playing and he enjoys withing - very simple so far.

Right now Kasparov may not remember the small boy who asked for an autograph in Warsaw But Kasparov and Maya Chiburdonidze's coach GM Eddic Gufeld predicted in January '90 that "Surya will play a world title match in 2005".



Dovengehu Dutta



### QUESTION TIME

about your iron-pumping robbing you of height. But since you are so concerned, here's a tip which might help. Stay slim, and look and feel a whole lot taller than you actually are. If you bulkupto much—either with fat or muscle-you're going to look and feel shorter. So find a right balance, where you have enough muscle and yet don't look short.

Letter No. 2 is from Sourav Sen Gupta of Calcutta. A teenager, he's been doing the Marine Pushups shown in the fitness cloumn and is happy to report that his shoulders have developed well. But he's not too happy with the way his chest and upper arms have responded. What can he do to make them grow too, he asks.

pushups. If you're looking for chest and upper arm development, try doing your pushups with the hands close together, even touching. That'll make the chest muscles work harder...and grow! Go for it.

The next letter is from Rahul Shirsat of Bombay, An 18-year-old, he's still struggling to get past the 5'3" barrier, and wants some help. Hey, Rahul, some of the greatest men in the world were short, so don't let your lack of inches get you down. And if you develop your personality enough, no one's

going to even realise your height.

Still, if you aren't consoled by the thought that height doesn't really matter, here are some exercises that might help. Try touching your toes to start off with. Once you can get the fingertips onto the toes, reach for the floor, Once there, try getting the knuckles onto the floor. And finally, tryputting the palms flat on the floor. Don't rush it; just allow your spine to stretch gradually, elongating naturally to give you some additional height.

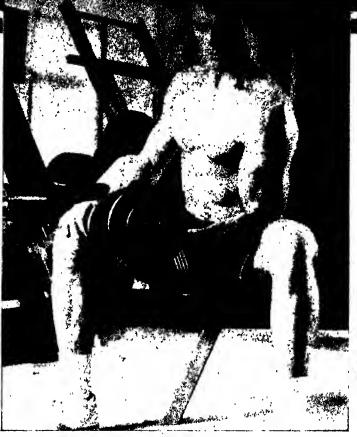
And while you're about it, keep hanging from the bar.

That'll make the spine stretch with the weight of your body, and who knows, you just might get lucky!

And finally, to round off for the week, here are two letters which also came in. Anurag, from Bihar confesses that he's very interested in bodybuilding and wants to know where he can read some books on the subject of fitness and muscle building. Anurag, there are some bodybuilding magazines that are published in America, so if you have some contacts overseas, you could ask them to send you some issues. But, till then, keep reading the fitness column, and you should pick up enough hints to keep your bodybuilding going.

The other letter is from Amit Prakash of Delhi and he's worried about what he terms 'hand practice'. Amit, as with anything else in life, you've got to exercise control in this aspect too. At your age (17), you're surely underweight at 49 kgs for someone who stands  $5'7^{1}/_{2}$ " tall. You aren't going to go blind or grow hair from your palms, but you surely will feel a whole lot more energetic if you eased off. C'mon, you can do it. Or rather, should that read, you can do without it?





OU are heavily into fitness. right? You work out every day and the results are there for everyone to see. Now if we ask you whether you concentrate on your workout your answer would be. 'Obviously yes.' But give it a second thought...and then can you give us the same convincing answer? Probably not.

Relax, you are not the only one-there are many others like you who are into the fitness bit but are not giving it

their best shot. In other words their concentration is not at its peak when they are exercising.

If you don't believe us take a close look around the next time you go into a gym. People are carrying out a conversation while working out, keeping time to the music or humming a song when they should be concentrating on nothing but the workouts. Gyms and the health clubs have become socialising places | Telling you when it can

where the prime motive seems to be socialising and not working out the body.

A serious bodybuilder or fitness enthusiast should have maximum concentration on his workouts. In fact during the course of the workout he should concentrate on the influence of exercise to the body. How the body is reacting to the torture put on it by the weights. Only then will you be able to discern the signals that your body is sending out.

take more and telling you when to call it quits.

Now to give you a picture of real concentration. The next time you tune into your favourite sports programme on Sundays, note the look of intense concentration on the faces of the sportsmen when they are in the midst of their events. It almost looks like they are in a different zone. Their minds then are primed to the objective and in the process they become oblivious of the distractions, the ranting crowds and the movements.

Another important and interesting thing about concentration is that it helps to measure the maturity of a person and his ability to succeed. When working out, if your concentration is really intense, you will fail to realise anything that goes on around you.

### Concentrate. and think big

Your mind and body becomes one and you will feel the response that each rep is eliciting from your body. In fact the amount of reps can be increased if you really concentrate and give the workout cent per cent. Agreed that it is nearly impossible to concentrate when there

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Concentrate on the results that you would like to achieve when exercising

are so many distractions around. *Nearly* impossible, yes, but not *quite*.

Before we proceed any further answer these questions truthfully:

When you are working out, are you oblivious of all that's happening around, or are you prone to join in a conversation, crack a joke, or laugh at someone else's joke?

Are you concentrating fully on the task at hand and the objective for going into it? In other words if you are doing an exercise for the abs, are you aware of the sensation in the midsection of the body? Can you picture yourself with abs that are rock hard and cut in the right places?

If your answers to the questions are both in the affirmative then you indeed have good powers of concentration.

Talking of the powers of concentration, it also helps to increase strength. In fact concentration is the key factor in many martial

arts. Karate experts
breaking bricks and ice
with their bare hands is
just an example of this.
Their concentration is so

intense that they can focus all the energy into the single task. Even when you are working out if you are really concentrating then you should be able to attain results that you thought were previously unattainable. The amount of reps you can do in each set will surely surprise you and you can feel the difference in the body before long.

Now that we have given you the rundown of what concentration can do for you, let's give you the methods of increasing your concentration. First of all, when you are into any job—especially a workout-focus only on the objective. If you are working on cutting down weight then picture yourself as a lean, mean machine. Imagine the body that you would like to have one day and then go all out to attain it. Then you will feel the difference in the workout. Picture yourself mentally, work only with the intention of achieving that aim and before long you will have the lean body that you always wanted to have. Focus on the end result and the accomplishment won't take long to get noticed.

### **NATIONAL ROWING**

THE usually serene waters of the Adyar river at the Madras Boat Club were the scene of hectic activity from July 12 to 14 during the National Rowing championships conducted by the Tamil Nadu Amateur Rowing Association (TARA). Indeed, the conduct of the Nationals was the starting point of the celebrations as planned by TARA for this is the 125th year of the Madras Boat Club.

The two noteworthy features of this year's Nationals were the dethroning of the Corps Of Engineers Rowing Association (CERA) by the Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) in the men's section and the emergence of the Kerala Race Boat and Rowers Association (KRBRA) as a new force in the women's section.

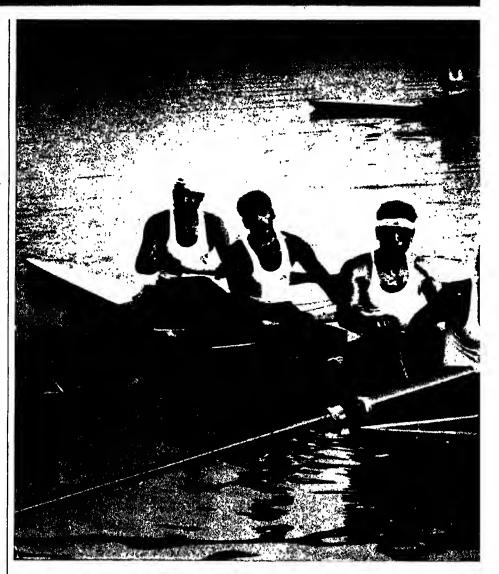
Not surprisingly, the two units walked away with the Sakthi Trophy, awarded for the first time for the overall team championship. SSCB finished with 22 points, while KRBRA had 14 points.

KRBRA had 14 points.
SSCB won two of the

SSCB won two of the three finals while losing a third—to Karnataka Amateur Rowing Association (KARA)—in the men's event while in the women's section, KRBRA took the two events and West Bengal Rowing Association (WBRA) won the other.

Generally, the meet was conducted on a league-cum-knock-out stage. But in the women's coxed fours, there were only four teams in the fray and the organisers decided that there would be a league with the top two teams contesting the final again. WBRA and Andamans and Nicobar Rowing Association (ANRA) finished one and two in the round robin. TARA who finished third were awarded the bronze, while All-India Universities were last.

WBRA and ANRA were to row again for the gold incdal on the final day. But WBRA protested saying that since TARA had been awarded the bronze medal, they should be awarded the gold since they had already finished on top in the league. Agreeing with WBRA's contention, the organisers decided to award them the gold with the silver going to ANRA. The winning WBRA team consisted of: Tanushree Bose, Shalini Joshi,



### A New Champia





#### Services Sports Control Board were the winners of the men's section in the National Rowing championships

Sangeeta Chaturvedi, Sushma Khaitan and Tuna Ghosh.

But there was little else to cheer for the WBRA except for a bronze won by Suravi Mitra in the sculls. Also, TARA who have played a leading role in the women's event for long did little of note this time and had to be satisfied with just a couple of bronze medals.

The two erstwhile leading contenders were swept away by the new force provided by KRBRA.

In the coxless pairs, the KRBRA duo of O.Mini and Soniyamma Anthony proved too strong for the duo representing Maharashrta Rowing Association (MRA), Manisha Khade and Ashwini Bhave. Stroking effortlessly, the Kerala girls who are the product of the Special Area Games under the Sports Authority of India showed fine teamwork as they coasted to victory in four minutes, 47.34 seconds, well ahead of the Maharashtra girls who clocked five minutes, 04.28 seconds.

The triumph in the pairs event gave Mini her second gold medal. Earlier, she had claimed the sculls event. It was a creditable showing by 19 year-old-Mini, for she was up

> The West Bengal Rowing Association won the Women's Coxed Fours event



against an experienced rower in Salome Patrick of ANRA. Besides, being the title holder, Salome was a member of the Indian team in the last Asian Championship at Chandigarh as also the Beijing Asian Games.

But the teenager from Nedumudi was in no mood to honour reputations. She took the lead almost from the start and kept increasing it with smooth strokes. Mini made her national debut a winning one, clocking four minutes, 51.74 seconds for the 1000 metre race. That her winning margin was eight lengths is enough indication of her overwhelming superiority over her seasoned rival.

In the men's section but for a display by another debutant. Thomas Mathew of KARA, SSCB could well have made a clean sweep. Stroking powerfully, Mathew rowed his way to a comfortable victory over Hakim Singh of SSCB. He clocked three minutes, 53.14 seconds against Singh's four minutes, 05.22 seconds.

In two relatively close finals, SSCB dethroned CERA in the coxed fours and coxless pairs events. The finish was particularly in the last 100 metres. The timings illustrate the keenness of the tussle. While the SSCB pair clocked three minutes, 50.23 seconds, the CERA pair clocked three minutes, 55.50

With this background, the victory of the SSCB squad in the fours event was entirely unexpected. The squad included the Asian Games bronze medallist Surinder Singh Kanwasi and it was level going initially. Around the 500 metre mark, SSCB surged ahead and then never surrendered it. Their winning time was three minutes, 17.91 seconds as compared to CERA's time of three minutes, 28.76 seconds.

About 150 rowers including around 30 women from eleven affiliated units participated in the three-day meet, which also served in the words of Kalyan Ghosh, 'The first selection trials for the Asian Championship to be held in Japan in October." The timings at the nationals however, lid not prove that Indian rowers would fare well at such international meets.

Partab Ramchand

#### KODAIKANAL

### South India Rally

SHORTER and safer. Convinced that this is the best concept for motor rallying the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India had issued a directive to all affiliated units and organisers of rallies that the competitions which hitherto used to be run over an unwieldy 1500 to 1800 kilometres or there abouts should be drastically cut down.

And so it was that this year's South India Rally, the richest such event in the country, was run over just 614 kilometres instead of the usual 1700 kilometres. Not only that, for the first time, the rally was shifted from its usual starting point Madras to the more picturesque hill station of Kodaikanal.

This was done with a purpose. The idea was to bring the rally to rural and semiurban areas so that the promotion of the popular sport could be done over a wider area. In fact, depending on the feedback they get from the competitors, the organisers of the annual event, the Madras Motor Sports Club, have already places like Ooty and Coorg in mind as venues in the near future.

While such feedback is awaited, the initial reaction from everyone connected with the rally—the participants, the organisers, the marshalls and the media—was quite favourable. For one thing, the change of scene from a metropolis to a scenic hill station was welcomed. Secondly, the conduct of the entire rally was well within control. Third, since this year's rally, sponsored by Castrol was run virtually only at night, there were no over enthusiastic spectators to ruin the show.

In fact, Anand Swadi, President, FMSCI, had no hesitation in halling the change in venue and concept. He called the rally as "one of the best organised ever" and found the change in concept and location "interestingy different." Indeed, it was short and snappy.

The rally was flagged off at 1600



Farad Bhathena and navigator Farookh Commisariat receiving their trophies from Mr. J. Goswami, General Manager, Castrol India Limited

hours on July 13 from the Sterling Holiday Resorts. The first leg terminated at 0500 hours on July 14, the start of the second leg was at 1930 hours on July 14 and the end of the rally was at 0400 hours on July 15.

Since the South India Rally was the second round of the Indian Rally Drivers' Championship, the event attracted all the big names. As if this was not incentive enough the fact that it was the richest rally in the country offering a total of Rs 1.84 lakhs as prize money made the competition even more attractive. The first prize in the four-wheeler category was Rs 35,000 while it was Rs 15,000 in the two wheeler category.

On the eve of the rally, most eyes were on Leelakrishnan from Coimbatore, who had won the first leg of the championship (the Cotton City rally at Coimbatore) and George Anthony who had won the South India Rally last year. But at the end of it all, it was another experienced rallyist, Farad Bathena of Bombay who drove away with the top prize.

**Partab Ramchand** 

### PATNA

### BOA Elections Held

Association elections were held only recently at Dhanbad. Somehow or the other, the ruling combination of the BOA was apprehensive of holding the elections in the State capital and hence the whole proceedings were shifted to the 'Coal City' lock, stock and barrel. Moreover, the press was never taken into confidence and ironically the whole of the Bihar press came to know about the elections only after the formalities were peacefully taken care of.

The BOA elections or for that matter the elections of other sporting associations of Bihar excepting the Bihar Cricket Association, are hardly held on time. But the sudden death of Mr Ravi Mehta, honorary secretary of the Bihar Olympic Association and of Bihar Football Association compelled the organisers to go for the elections.

However, the BOA claim that despite keeping the press in the dark, all the bonafide members of the Association were formally intimated about the election as per rules and all of them were found absolutely unanimous while selecting the new incumbents.

Mr. Arjun Bikram Shah , former Minister of Sports of Bihar was reelected President of the association while the late Ravi Mehta's elder brother Mr P.N. Mehta was unanimously elected to the prestigious post of the honorary secretary. Besides, Mr Ishari of Biharsharif was elected treasurer of the association.

The House delegated the power of nominating 20 more incumbents in the executive committee of BOA to the three elected office bearers.

Samir Sen Gupta

#### BOMBAY

### Youngest Black Belt

MIHIR PANDYA, at seven years, nine months and 17 days old, is the youngest black belt in india, according to Shihan Vispy Kapadia, the director of the Gojukai Karate-Do. Addressing sportwriters at a press conference. Kapadia said that Pandya achieved this feat on May 30, 1991.

A third standard student of Campion School, Pandya has been undergoing vigorous training under Kapadia, a sixth degree black belt. Pandya started learning karate since he was three and half years of age and trained five days a week to achieve his meritorious feat.

His black belt examination comprised a 15-km jog, four hours of non-stop physical training (basic and advanced technique), 16 katas, free sparring, shiai (competition fighting), multiple attack and defence, body conditioning, elementary judo throws and breaking techniques. The examination was spread over four days and was witnessed by over 500 spectators, said Kapadia.

Pandya has visited Singapore, Malaysia, The Philippines, Thailand and has been chosen to represent Gojukai at an international competition in Japan shortly.

Pandya was presented the black belt and special certificate, sent by World Gojukai president Hanshi Yamaguchi, at a function held in his honour.

**Lefit Kumer Shew** 



THAT Bengal's strength in table tennis is gradually shifting to the districts was once again highlighted in the Patterson Memorial table tennis championships, the symbol of supremacy among schools. Both (the boys and the girls) team titles went to district schools, thus, indicating that the one-time monopoly of Calcutta school teams like South Point, Hindi High School

aside the challenge of Sukchar Satadal, North 24 Parganas, 3-0 in the title round.

Manish Chakraborty gave KBNM a headstart, beating Amita Majumdar 21-14, 21-17 in the first singles. Koel Nath increased the lead when she defeated Sonali Mukherjee of Sukchar Satadal 21-11, 21-8 in the second singles. The rout was completed when Koel and Tuhina Sen teamed up to defeat Sonali and Amita 20-22, 21-19 and 21-15.

Ramkrishna Sikshayatan (RKS), Howrah, iifted the boys' team title, but only just. RKS won by the odd match in three versus Bhupendra Smriti High School, Hind Motor. P.S. Bose's lead for the Hind Motor school was neutralised by Arindam Karar, a budding junior of the state. But in the deciding match. S. Chatterjee won 21-17, 22-20 versus P.S. Bose to land the title.

In the individual section, S.N.



Ramakrishna Shiksayatan: The winners in the Patterson TT

et al has ended.

The girls team championships at the Khudiram Anusilan Kendra went to Krishna Bhamini Narishiksha Mandir (KBNM) of Chandannagar. They brushed Biswas became the boys' champion, while the girls' title went to Kuntali Biswas. Biswas' win came against S.K. Banerjee in the final. He won 21-13, 23-21.

Kuntali defeated Monisha Chakraborty 21-16, 21-19 in the final.

Soumitra Bose

### End of the road?

OW it looks like it is the end of the road for the ageless queen of Wimbledon, Martina Navratilova. Her ioss at Wimbledon this year to Jennifer Capriati has in all probability brought an end to an era.

But at the same time one must give her the credit for the perseverance that she has displayed all along. Even after her defeat this year, she made it clear that she would be back next year to give it another try if her body could survive the rigours.

Here's wishing that she could once again regain that old form and prove to the world that perseverance pays.

NAREN CHATTERJEE. Khardaha.



### Fascinating!

THE article 'My Style' by Gabriela Sabatini was really a good change. The style that this player shows on court (in her game) and off it, is simply superb. And to top It all she does not have the air that usually accompanies a champion. She's always the smiling champion who takes both victory and defeat in her stride with the same magnanimity. Other players would do weil to take a page or two from her book. Thank you Sportsworld for the article. UTTAM BOSE. Darbhanga.

THANK you Sportsworld for giving us some superb posters in the recent past. The posters of Botham, Imran and Connors were superb. The quality of the posters has surely improved over the year and now it has become an integral part of the magazine and lends it some extra colour. RAJEEV MOHAN, Tinsukia.

### **Champion Material**

THE way Stich won the Wimbledon title this year proves that this guy is certainly champion material. The way he ousted both the top seeds on the way to the final speaks volumes of his game. And though the pressure on him was enormous he did not choke even once.

The way he eliminated Becker in the final left virtually nothing left to be said. We hope that this is only the beginning of a great future and that Stich also does not bow down to pressures as his compatriot Becker did. He came up, reigned for some time and then vanquished his post when the world was still expecting so much from him. SRINIVAS NYAPATHY, Rajahmundry.

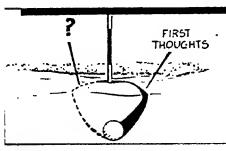
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### THE FALDO FORMULA

FROM TEE TO GREEN

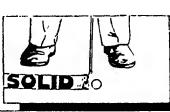
#### Pick a Line - and Stick to it

On the green your first thoughts are invariably your best, once you have decided on the line of a putt, never second guess yourself.





A SMOOTH STROKE AND A SOLID CONTACT BETWEEN CLUB AND BALL ARE MORE EASILY ATTAINED WHEN YOUR MIND IS CLEAR OF INDECISIONS.

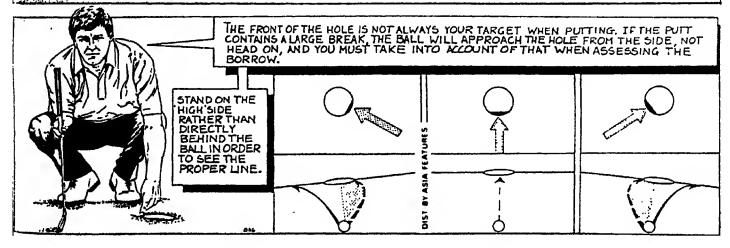




### Half of the Game



### **Side Becomes Front**



### **IQUIZ/CHESS/BRIDGE**

### QUIZ

#### **QUESTIONS**

- What is common to Don Bradman, Hanif Mohammad and B.B. Nimbalkar?
- Which former British Prime Minister captained a winning British Admiral's Cup team?
- 3. For which County did the legendary W.G. Grace play?
- 4. For which sport is the Desprez Cup contested?
- 5. Twice did the Prince of Wales score to help his side, Golden Eagles, win the 1977 Tatham Cup final. What was the game being played?
- 6. For which sport is Paul Elvstrom famous?
- 7. Which soccer club of Argentina is called "The machine" by its supporters?
- 8. And which football club of England is nicknamed "Villains"?
- For which country, other than Hungary, did Ferenc Puskas play football?



#### **ANSWERS**

- 1. Each of them has a 400+ score in first-class cricket.
- Edward Heath. In 1971 he captained the winning 'Morning Cloud' British Admiral's Cup team.
- 3. Gloucestershire.
- 4. Fencing
- 5. Polo
- 6. Yachting.
- 7. River Plate Club.
- 8. Aston Villa.
- 9. Spain.

### CHESS

Krum Georgiev is the lesser known of the Bulgarian twins. Kiril is of course a former world junior champion and permanent top board for Bulgaria, Krum is now a GM also and has had pretty fair results in international matches. He is also an out and out romantic with a penchant for unusual opening systems.

White: Krum Georgiev Vs Black: lonescu, Dubai, '86.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 b3!? Nc6 4 Bb2 d6 5 d4 cd4 6

#### Nxd4 a6 7 Be2 Bd7 8 c4 Nf6

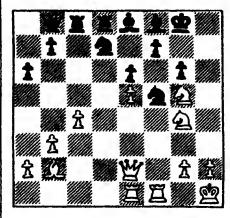
White's third move initiales a system popularised by Australian IM Hjorth-the verdict is unusual but perfectly viable.

9 Nc3 Be7 10 0-0 0-0 11 Nc2 Rc8 12 14 Qb6?! Black is already confused. He should have exchanged knights earlier and now he just gives white a tempo.

13 Kh1 Rfd8 14 Bd3 Be8 15Qe2 Bf8 16 Ne3 Ne7 17 Ree1 17-Qc7 18 Bb1 Qb8. Black gets carried away by his manoeuvers and allows white to work up a blistering attack on the kingside.

19 e5! de5 20 fe5 Nd7 21 Bxh7! Kxh7 22 Ne4 Kg8 23 Ng5 g6 24 Ng4 Nf5 (see Diagram). So far white has speculated on a variant of the old "Greek Gift" His next move lifts this game to another level.

25 Rxf5!! ef5 26 Qf2 Be7 27 Nf6 Nxf6 28 ef6 Bxf6 29 Qh4! Rd1 The only way to prevent mate. 30 Qh7 Kf8 31 Be3 Rd6 32 Bxd6 Qxd6 33 Rxe8 Kxe8 34 Qxf7 Kd8 35 Ne6 Qxe6 36 Qxe6 Rc6 37 Qg8 Kc7 38 Qxg6 Rd6 39 g3 Rd1 40 Kg2 Rd2 41 Kh3 Be7 42 a4 and (1-0) in due course. Devengable Datta.

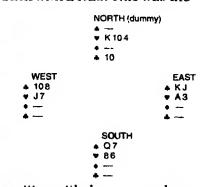


### BRIDGE

It is a pity that in rubber-bridge people tend to throw in their hands against low-level-scores. These contracts, however, often present the opportunity for some of the finest plays. This is from a home rubber-bridge game and features S.S. lnamdar, a national-level player:-

	<b>▲</b> A	(dummy)	
	♥ K10 • AK8 • A10	5	
WEST ▲ 1084 ♥ J72 • Q963 ▲ K64			EAST ♠ KJ962 ♥ AQ3 • J4 ♠ Q73
SOUTH ◆ Q753 ▼ 865 • 1072 ◆ J53			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1 • * Duble	1 a Pass	Pass 2 4
	*16-18	points	

West led a spade and on winning in dummy, Inamdar cashed the top diamonds and continued with a third round of the suit. It was obvious to me, as East, that declarer did not have an entry to hand and possibly only three trumps so I discarded. A heart pitch would have made matters easy for declarer, which is what I should have probably done playing against a Commissioner of Income tax, but fool that I am, I threw a spade as West won and switched to clubs. I won any queen and continued with a second trump to dummy's nine. South took a diamond ruff in hand with the jack as I threw a spade yet again. A heart to the nine followed and on winning the queen I put dummy back with a club. This was the



position with dummy on play:Requiring two more tricks,
Inamdar found a nice play, the king
of hearts from dummy. I won and
was kaput! If I continued hearts
dummy's last heart would be set
up, so I switched to the spade king.

Dummy ruffed and on winning the next heart West had to concede the last trick to declarer's spade queen.

Shantanu Chosh

### VOICES

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hardet such rest i alor he picked up a stranded Auston Science and took him to the pits side adding. This happened at the British Grand Prix, after Service heid to stop towards the and of the race owing to engine multimetion.

OW my tile is really starting. Maybe I was great in the ring ide boxing I'm a brother ke other people. I want to d a good life, serve God and help everybody I can. And one more thing, I'm gonne find the guy who stole my blice when I was 12 years old in Louisville. I'm still gonna whup him. That was a good blke.

MUHAMMAD ALI, affected by the Parkinson Syndrome, still has not lost his zest for life. Incidentally he took to boxing after this incident, to

avenge the loss.





T TOW long is your tongue?

I MICHAEL JORDAN considers this query from a radio commentator as the dumbest question he's been asked.

HE turning point for Steffi Graf may have come in Leipzig late last September. She was both the star and the villain of the first tournament held in East Germany. Throughout the week she was pilloried by the East German media for not doing more to promote the tournament. They said I hadn't done press conferences or held clinics or gone to hospitals, she said. 'Everything was my fault. The crowds were small and that was my fault too.'



week. Everything that my life was and wasn't I thought about. But when it was over, I felt better.'

Grafeven managed to find a reminder in the U.S. that being Steffi Grafisn't all bad. Driving through Connecticut to a tournament in Worcester. Massachusetts she told her coach, Pavel Slozil, that they had to stop and find a drugstore that would give her a prescription. She had been struck by yet another viral infection. 'I knew just what I needed,

but I also knew you couldn't get it without a prescription,' she said. 'I walk ed into this drugstore and explained to the doctor that I was sick, I needed a prescription

'I understood. We were about to leave when this other druggist came out from the back and said, "Steffi, Steffi Graf! Wow, what are you doing here?" I told him the problem. He said, "We'll take care of you." He called a doctor he knew and got the prescription from him.

'I guess being Steffi Graf has its advantages too.'

Feeling sorry for herself, one afternoon Graf asked her driver for the tournament to drive her to Berlin. 'I wanted to drive through the Brandenburg Gate once while it was still there,' she said.

Her driver was a tournament volunteer, a man who worked for Opal. From the moment they drove through the gate into the West, Graf could see his eyes go wide. 'He had only been in the West for one hour in his life,' she said. 'He couldn't believe what he was seeing.

The whole thing hit me right there. I had spent so much time feeling sorry for myself during the year because of everything that had gone on and here was this man who couldn't even begin to imagine the way we live. You can read and read about what life is like behind the Iron curtain but there really is no way to understand it without living it. I knew that right at that moment. Just watching him I realized I had taken everything in my life for granted.'

On the day of the final Graf decided she would donate her check for the week to the East German tennis federation to use for youth tennis. She wiped out Arantxa Sanchez in the final, playing as well as she had played all year. During the awards

ceremony, she broke down two sentences into her speech. She finally managed to get out her plan to give away the prize money and then, for the first time all week, she was heartly cheered. The crowd cheered, Graf cried.

'Afterwards, when I was alone, I cried again,' she said. 'I think I cried the whole day. It was as if the whole year just kicked in all at once that

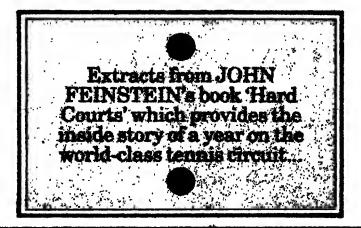
Gay & Happy

ED Tingling was gay, something he didn't talk about much but never tried to hide from his friends. That's how you knew Ted really trusted you—he began to tell jokes and stories that related to his sexuality.

One of his favorites was about a day at Eastbourne in the 1970s during a time when women's tennis was just beginning to establish itself as an independent entity. They were still fighting all the stories and rumors about homosexuality in the locker room (some true,

others exaggerated). Ted was watching a match one afternoon between two women known to virtually everyone in tennis as being homosexual. Ted always loved watching the tournament at Devonshire Park in Eastbourne because he had seen his very first tennis matches there with his mother when he was a little boy.

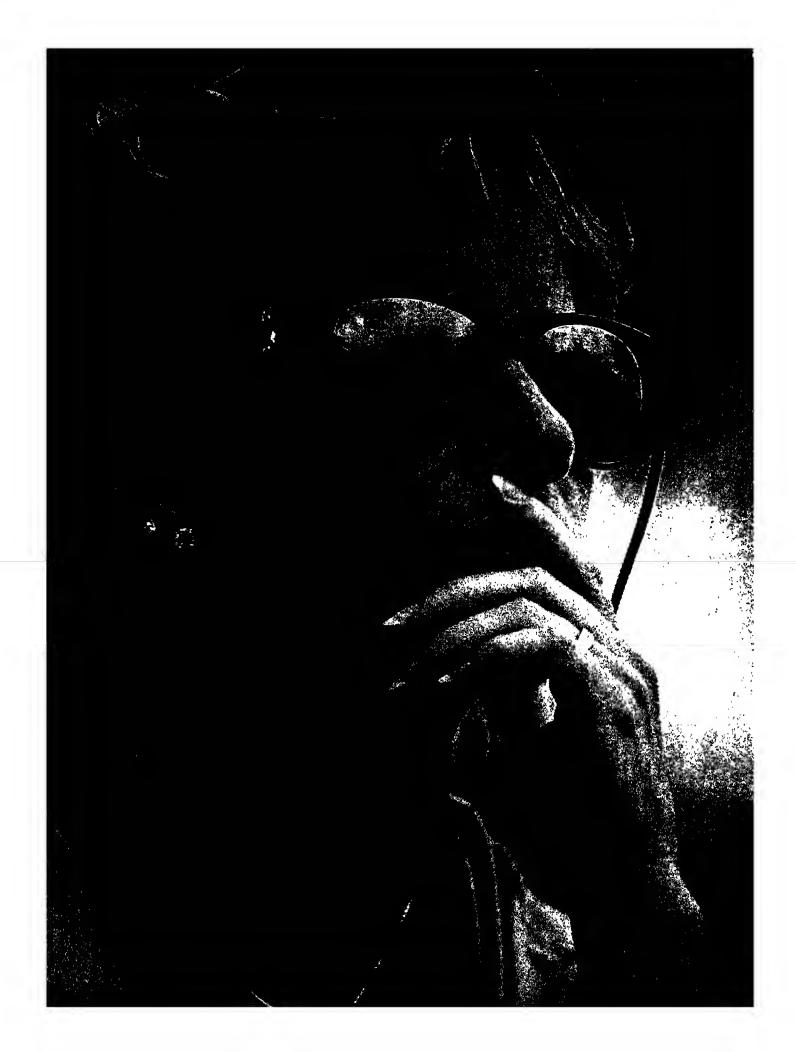
On this afternoon







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"One of the reasons to become the girl next door to the public was my sexuality. People could relate to the fact that I was always dating men"—Chris Evert 4. pa 4.8

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though, his reverie was interrupted by a very loud spectator—'I think he must have been quite drunk,' Ted said in teiling the story—who stood up during a changeover and announced he was leaving: 'That's it, that's it, I'm not watching these bloody dikes play for one more second! I've had it!' He then spun around, pointed his finger at Ted and said, 'And you, Tinling, you ....... homosexual you, you shouldn't be watching them play either!'

Ted's response? 'You know, if I had been a practising ....... homosexual and getting something out of it, I wouldn't have minded. But as I wasn't, I was rather offended!'

That sort of story was typical Ted. There was almost nothing he wouldn't say.

### Drugs and Sex

RUG-TESTING has long been a murky issue in tennis, with different countries having different laws and different enforcement. It has only been five years since drug testing on any level began and the number of positive tests have been few and far between, most of those for marijuana.

That is not to say that there are not some tennis players who have tried cocaine (it has even ruined the career of one top-10 player). Noah has admitted drug use in the past and openly says he still regularly smokes marijuana. When my kids are old enough, they'll smoke for the first time with me,' he said. That way they'll understand what it's about, what is dangerous and what isn't. I want them to come to me to talk about drugs, not learn about it on the streets.'

Other players are scared to death about going public with admissions of drug use because it would hurt their commercial images. Overall though, drug use in tennis is relatively minor. The sport is too individual for a regular user to survive very long.

When I first came up in the game, guys played with hangovers all the time,' said Leif Shiras, who came out of Princeton and has played the tour for 10 years. 'The typical night was go to dinner, have a few beers and go to a club. That's all changed now. The younger guys all have their entourages and the money is so big, no one really wants to go out anymore. The locker room is such a dead place that a guy got mad at me a few weeks ago for telling a dirty joke.'

The women's tour has always been like that. Parents began travelling with their daughters in the 1970s when players began turning pro in their teens, partly because the girls needed an adult along, partly because of the stories about some of the older homosexual players recruiting

teenagers. There was a grain of truth to those stories—also a lot of exaggeration.

Nowadays the women's tour is far more heterosexual than the general public thinks, although there are still a number of homosexual relationships among players. There are also homosexuals on the men's tour, though not as many as on the women's. All the current stars in the men's game are heterosexual. 'It seems like most of the men on tour are dating a former Miss World,' Chris Evert joked. Among the four most significant women of the Open era—Evert, Graf, Navratilova and Billie Jean King, the latter two have admitted to homosexuality.

That certainly doesn't represent a trend, but sports tend to be labeled based on the behavior of their stars. The men's game has carried a reputation for being filled with whining, spoiled, profane people ever since Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe became stars.

'I don't think there's any doubt that one of the reasons I became the girl-next-door to the public was my sexuality,' said Evert. 'People could relate to the fact that I was always dating men.'

Even with the sport's image problems, even with the economic recession which has forced corporations to cut back on their involvement in sports, the money in tennis continues to be astronomical.

For a chosen few. In 1990, there were 2,042 tennis players who had earned at least one point on either the men's or women's computer. Among those, perhaps 200 were making a good living. Of those 200, about 50—maybe—are extremely comfortable. About a dozen are filthy rich. The 2,042 with

a computer point represent the elite among hundreds of thousands who dream about striking it rich in the sport. Thousands of parents think their daughters are the next Evert, Graf, Navratilova, Seles or Capriati. Thousands more look at their sons and see Lendl, McEnroe, Becker, Edberg, Agassi or Sampras.

They are the ones who are the symbols for the sport. They make the most money, receive the most attention and adulation. TV ratings depend on them, so do sponsorships. The stars give the sport glamor and glitz—all very necessary to its success. They are not the ones, however, who give the sport its texture, who bring life to the two tours as they

wend their way on their never-ending trip around the world.

The depth and personality of the sport come from people like Jim Courier, who had time every day in Cincinnati to stop at the Children's Hospital. It comes from Elise Burgin, who willingly spends an entire week writing and producing the talent show in Eastbourne because she knows how much everyone on the tour enjoys it. It comes from the legacy of Ted Tinling, who told all his stories enough times to enough people that he—and they—will never be forgotten.

It comes, most of all, from the people who genuinely care about the sport, regardless of its flaws. Dick Enberg, who has worked with Bud Collins at NBC for the past nine years, once looked at Collins and asked, 'How can you care so much about a sport with so many bad people in it?'

Collins just smiled. His friends often say he would have found, good somewhere in Hitler. 'Not Hitler, no,' he says. 'Mussolini, maybe.'

Ted Tingling At Wimbledon 1988 with a Sportsworld medal of honour





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### FFERENT STROKES



Venus Williams (extreme left) flanked by the Reagans and her sister Serena (centre). Fame is just a stroke away

SST! Heard of a gal who goes by the name of Venus Ebonistarr Williams? Nope, not this side of the Equator, we haven't. She sounds like a rock star but she's not. So why is

she so special?

Well, this girl has got herself a berth in America's latest bracket of celebrityhood.

Venus is a tennis prodigy. When you're just 11 years old, and have a 54-0 tournament record, straight A's in school, wanting to be an Archaeologist or Astronaut and are unbeaten in 21 track meets (Venus did a mile in 5:29 at the age of 8) then you must be hot.

While this ghetto Cinderella dreams of some day competing on Wimbledon's hallowed Centre Court, she diligently practises at the infamous East Compton Park in southern California amidst drug deals and gunfire. Nevertheless, rubbing shoulders with ex-Presidents and society big wigs can be quite a

pleasant experience.

Venus has featured in the newspapers such as the front page of the New York Times or mags like Sports Illustrated almost every week. Her goggle eyed father claims that she's had around 600-700 articles written about her. Sponsors like Donnay, Reebok and Adidas are tripping all over themselves in order to sign her up and seeing that her parents are hesitant to sign, they're just giving the little girl whatever she wants. Coaches ranging from Bollettieri'to Rick Macci are also trying their luck.

Venus in the meanwhile is unfazed by all this adulation. "I want to be the No. I player in the world some day and say I came from the worst neighbourhood and made it."

OOTS, are roots and finally you're gonna come back to them. Ask Mohsin Khan the same question and he's likely to agree with you. After a stint-albeit unsuccessful-with Bollywood and Hindi films he's finally decided to take up the bat and get back to where he belongs: cricket.

Mohsin Khan has become the first foreigner to play in the city of Bombay's/ local Kanga league. After scoring 2661 runs in 45 Tests and spending five years out in the wilderness he decided to give it one more try, though feeling rather foolish about the whole thing he's trying to pass it off as just a way to spend time. The famous do that once in a while.

Mohsin Khan: is he really making a comeback or is he just acting?





Sheliey Reecher jogging with one of the dogs from Project Safe Run. The rapists are running

WOMAN, says Shelley Reecher, "Can run into some sort of trouble about once every 50 times she ventures out alone, and somebody is not going to be there to save you." Shelley. 35, should know better. because in 1975, she was brutally raped in the affluent Portland suburb in broad daylight and people watching didn't do anything to save her. She had gone out for her daily jog.

Nursing a helluva lot of anger in her, Shelley moved out of Portland deciding to 'put power back into her own hands'. A careful harnessing of this rage soon gave rise to something constructive and Project Safe Run (PSR) was born.

Project Safe Run provides personal protection dogs to women joggers in Washington and Oregon, Its quick rate of success is also quite startling: out of over 6,000 logged runs, there have been no assaults or attempted assaults and Ms Reecher is planning to introduce it nationwide in the US.

Ever the die-hard feminist. Reecher barks, \*
"Women are just getting fed up with not being able to do what they want to do. They're finally saying, enough is enough, one rapist too many—now we're going to do something about it." For the rapists, the message is simple: paws off! The ladies are jogging and the rapists are running like hell."

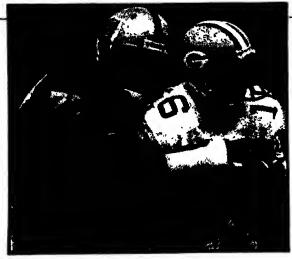
ENNIS doubles is serious stuff. For all those who think that the world of tennis doubles has no glamour and glitz, take heart. Like when Jennifer Capriati was teaming up for doubles with Gabriela Sabatini in order to play in at least two events, people never gave their capabilities as doubles players much thought.

"Jennifer picked five players she'd like to play with and Gabriela was her top choice," said her father Stefano Capriati. Did he think that they made a good pair? "Yes—they're both beauties." Now, how's that for a deflection?

While Capriati and Gaby are totally in harmony with each other, one doubles pair that don't make such a happy combo is Zina Garrison and Gigi Fernandez, who are slated to represent the US in the Federation Cup later this year. Garrison accused Fernandez and pariner Jana Novotna of less-than-good sportsmanship for not correcting a score mistake in their favour at the Aussie Open in early 1991. "I don't have any respect for any of them," she snapped. Seems like that combination is set for 'tennis divorce' even before they come together.



Olgi Fernandez: poor character, but she's got the look!



Yet another player feels the brute power of an Alzado charge

### STATUTORY WARNING:

## STEROIDS CAUSE CANCER!

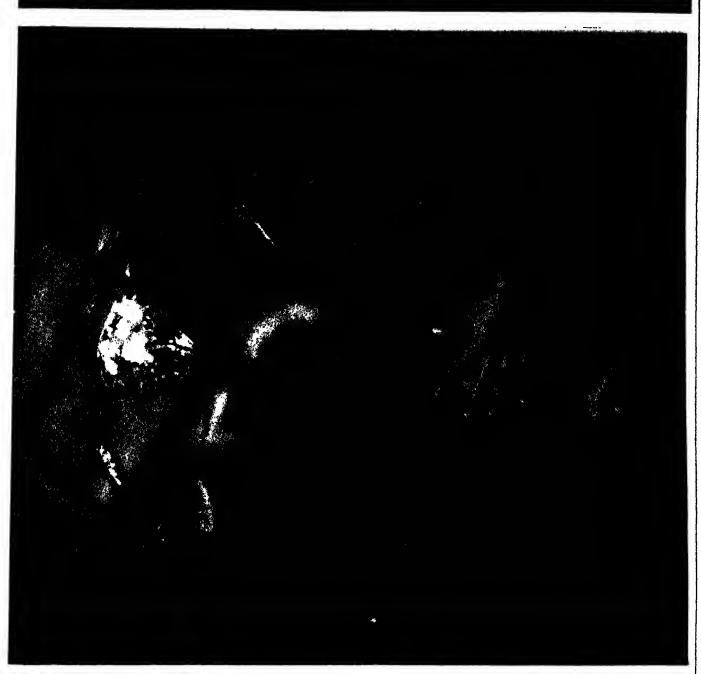
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10LENCE. In a never-before situation, the National Football League (NFL)—America's governing body on the gridiron game—names a new ruling after a player. Called the 'Alzado Rule', it warns all players that 'removing another player's helmet shall result in ejection and, possibly, a fine'. Reason for the new rule: Lyle Alzado, the Los Angeles Raiders' 6'-3", 265-pound (over 120 kg) defensive back, had just snapped the helmet off New York Jets' Chris Ward and flung it at him during the NFL playoffs.

This is Lyle Alzado in his prime. In a high-impact game where the Once a legend in the game of American football, Lyle Alzado now suffers from inoperable brain cancer.
The reason: prolonged use of muscle-building steroids! Is it all worth it?

average playing career is just four years, this man is in his 14th straight season. And still advocating violence. "There is a fury in me," he says, "from the streets, from where I grew up. I'm not going to kid you. I'm a violent person and I'm playing a violent game."

And then, just to prove that he possesses a sense of humour, he





adds "If me and King Kong went into an alley, only one of us would come out. And it wouldn't be the monkey."

A man of malevolence.

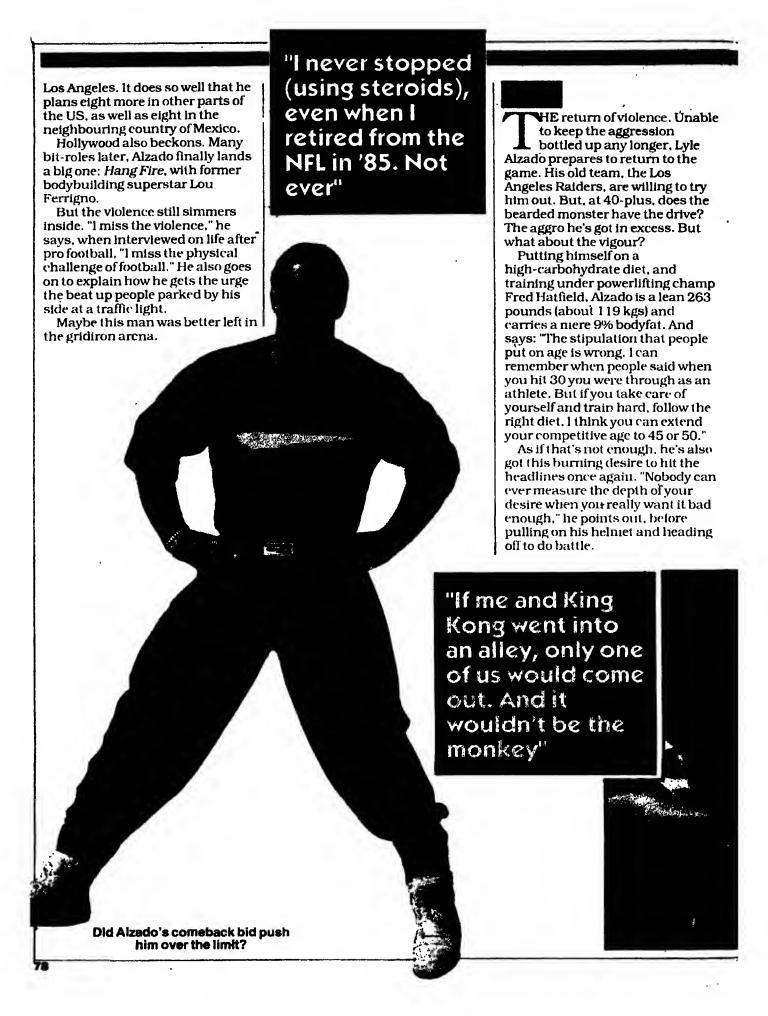
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RETIREMENT. After 16 long years in the muscle lane, Lyle Alzado calls it quits. Using the name he has made for himself in sport, Alzado opens a restaurant in a trendy section of

The biack-and-white bandana cannot erase reality for Alzado

The innate violence, the glamour of a man called Lyle Alzado

"Big massive guy that I was, I don't like to admit this, but it was all phony"



bull Is suddenly cut down by ill health. The normally bearded, grizzly face is pale and pasty. A black-and-white bandana covers the shaven scalp that houses the inoperable brain cancer. The bulging muscles melt away and the bodyweight drops by over 60 pounds (27 kgs). Can this be the same man who every quarterback in the NFL feared?

Checked out for his failing health. Alzado doesn't seem overly surprised at the shattering news. Hell, no. He's been playing Russian Roulette with his health for years now. He knows it was only a matter of time before it all caught up. The cancer, after all, is a direct result of using a steroid compound which builds muscle mass and improves power.

And suddenly, just as suddenly as he used to sweep unsuspecting quarterbacks off their lect. Alzado decides to come clean. Admitting that he's been taking steroids ever since he embarked on a career in pro football, he says "I never

A violent man in a violent sport...Lyle Alzado





stopped, even when I retired from the NFL in '85. Not ever," It has been a habit that cost him between \$ 20,000 and \$ 30,000 a year. And now perhaps his life.

The overpowering urge to get bigger, stronger, faster, meaner—the very factors that allow you to excel in the high-contact sport of American football—are now taking their toll on a body that has been pushed beyond the limit. The cancer is too deeply imbedded. It is inoperable. The diagnosis is virtually a death sentence.

But for once, Alzado is calm.
Composed. "I used a certain steroid that caused me to lower my immune system," he says candidly, but refutes suggestions that he is an exception. "I know that of the teams that we played, 75% of these guys took some use of enhancement to perform."

The medical profession isn't too surprised either. Long aware that 250-pound players don't come a dime a dozen—Oh yeah? Take one look at any NFL game today and you'd think otherwise—drug

Alzado in training: using the sterolds to maximum effect

testing has been a long-enforced part of the game. And Dr. Forest Tennent, the NFL's former drug adviser, doesn't pull any punches when he says. "Anabolic steroids depress the Immune system and lymphocytes. He (Alzado) has lymphoma. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out the connection."

Rocket scientist, he certainly ain't. But the high-flying' Alzado has come zooming back to terra firma. "Big massive guy that I was, I don't like to admit this, but it was all phony," he admits. "It got me where I wanted, but it also got me very slck".

And it's not just physically that the illness has affected him. The violent beast appears to have calmed as Alzado confesses that he is "half the man! was".

He knows he's been doing the wrong thing. He knew all too well that it would catch up with him. And now, he knows that it wasn't worth it.

Pradeep Paul

### **DOUBLE TROUBLE**

Come together

OLY cow! What's Arun Lal doing with Pooja Bedi? Now, now guys behave yourselves, they're actually related. Lucky for us, that we're not a gossip rag otherwise we would have gone overboard just to cook up some masala.

Anyway, Lal and Ms. Bedi just teamed up together to add a new dimension to personality advertising (i.e. testimonial advertising). This new concept has been devised in the West (where else?) and is fast becoming a rage here. The concept has been devised on the assumption that such advertising goes down better with consumers and is being increasingly used in our country to satiate the appetites of our celebrity-starved audience. As if to add weight to this argument we have had personalities like Ashwini Nachappa and Krishnamachari Srikkanth doing what Ms. Bedi and Arun Lai did in Calcutta. The impact on the public was more than what the organisers had bargained for. Or should we say Twin Impact'.



Pooja Bedi with Arun Lai. Cricket and acting are 'distant cousins'

### WITT OR WITHOUT

Bonked out

**ECKER sure is** getting to be part of history. The word 'bonking' has been accorded pride of place in the German dictionary and with it our Boris' sex life has been preserved for posterity. Talking of sex life there are enough takers for the charms of Becker, but there's someone special: Katarina Witt and she's providing a lot of solace to the young man.

Becker stricken with anger since his Blg W defeat has been toying with retirement, and trying to dissuade him is Ms. Witt. "Boris don't be silly," she said. "It would be a great mistake to give

Katarina Witt: the ideal baim to soothe Backer's trustrations

up tennis." Witt has more than an objective interest in Becker, Her name has been romantically linked with him and may yet be again. She visited him this time during Wimbledon and what followed were secret candle-light dinners. "Boris is a good friend of mine," said Ms Witt defensively, "and I think I can criticise him publicly." She does that and more. She consoles him privately.

**PRIVATE** 

**WE LOOK** WHERE WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO!



### **MAJOR PROBLEM**

Lucky charm

F by this time Vivian Richards will have gone back home with the series under his belt, he's got only one man to thank...British Prime Minister, John Major.

Major was the man responsible for the West Indies' victory at Trent Bridge.

The British Prime Minister visited the team at Trent Bridge when the visitors were struggling at 118-4 and Richards was out in the field facing a blistering attack from paceman David Lawrence.

When he came in at tea, Richards was amazed to see Major sitting in the dressing room joking with his players. Richards revealed, "I told him that he'd obviously brought some luck to England when he went to Headingley. I told him it must be our turn now and it certainly happened that way." It certainly did, and the Windies went on to win the Test. "The boys told the PM that he was a lucky omen for us and that he could come back anytime he wanted, "said Richards. Major must have been the only Brit to have pleased the Windies captain.



John Major; not only a decent cricketer but also "lucky" one

### RHYME A DOZEN Stich in time



Stich and Steffi at the Champions Ball. These German models are slick

HIS is the second week running and we're featuring the limerick contests. It seems, as though there were a lot of women who watched Wimbledon. How else can you explain a Mrs Mair Jones winning a bottle of Aberlour Malt whisky. Her winning entry read as follows...

The new German models look sleek The Auto-Graf and the long-gear Stich They moved up a gear When the final got near So that's Vorsprung Durch Technik

We still haven't figured out the last line. Obviously, it has a meaning so if it's okay with the Brits, it's okay with us.

### freewheeling

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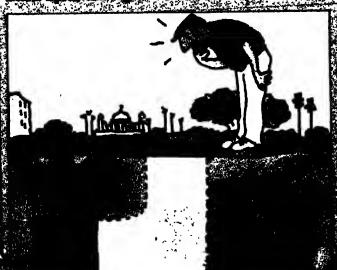
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At one corner Su Ray Loomard, dressed in a blue pinstripe suit, was giving a speech. He has opened a chapter of the Detached Retinas Anonymous." continued Amarnath, most boxers are afraid of acknowledging their detached retines and carry on bosting and do permonent damage to the eves. Leonard dives advice in fixing the problem."

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### **GUEST COLUMN**

OR me, the one-bouncer-per-over rule is without doubt one of the most brainless pieces of legislation ever passed by the International Cricket Council. Apart from protecting incompetent and gutless batsmen, I'm not sure what it is supposed to achieve.

The ICC members should realise that in order to excel in Test cricket, a player needs to possess talent, technique, intelligence and, above all, courage. There have always been highly talented players who, by being deficient in either technique or courage, could never make the jump from first class to Test cricket.

The other incredible thing is that with the wearing of helmets even the risk of serious injury has been eliminated. The legislation might have made more sense if a lot of batsmen were being put into hospital after being hit by bouncers.

The bouncer is one of the most important weapons in the armoury of a fast bowler. Through it he tests a batsman's nerve or technical weaknesses. I used to use it mostly to stop batsmen coming on to the front foot so that they would become vulnerable to my in-swinger.

On certain easy-paced wickets, without the use of the short ball at times, I found it hard to even dismiss tailenders if they launched on the front foot. This is especially true on some Pakistani wickets where the ball neither moves off the seam nor bounces enough to carry to the slips.

Presumably the ICC have not bothered to consider unhelpful bowling conditions on the Indian sub-continent and at times in the Caribbean.

In the helpful English or Australian conditions, pace bowlers can get wickets just by maintaining a certain line and length. This rule is just like telling a bowler like Abdul Qadir that he is not allowed to bowl more than one googly per over.

Furthermore, what happens to one of the most glorious shots in the game—the hook? Few cricketers will disagree that it is the most skilful and most spectacular stroke. Now, with this nonsensical law, it may well become extinct.

Imagine, Merv Hughes bowling to the diminutive Sachin Tendulkar at Perth, the bounciest wicket in international cricket. I am willing to bet that one of the two things will happen. The most obvious is that Merv Hughes will be taken off very quickly for bowling too many bouncers. Or, since he is the easiest bowler to face once he pitches it up, he will be hit out of the attack. It is conceivable that his career





could be over.

I also forsee a lot of bickering about the interpretation of the bouncer. I'm afraid this eyewash of appointing a match referee is not going to help matters. The referee provides a way for the ICC to get out of the problem of appointing neutral umpires. It is a cop-out and will not make much difference.

As for the players' code of conduct, we have heard it all before. Every year the ICC make noises about the deteriorating discipline on the field. Yet they have made no real attempts to find out the root cause of the problems.

Everyone knows about the code of conduct, yet whenever there is a crisis regarding discipline, the respective cricket boards take the side of their teams and a stalemate occurs.

During the Gatting-Shakoor Rana incident, according to the code of conduct for the players, Gatting should have been punished by the TCCB. A player was seen on television questioning and later abusing the umpire. The TCCB not only stood by their player but at the end of the tour gave Gatting and his team a £1,000 hardship bonus.

I do not envisage anything changing as a result of appointing a match referee or bringing out this code of conduct. The stricter the home umpires get, the more chance there will be of a confrontation with the touring team.

There is only one way to solve the problems of discipline and bouncers and that is for the ICC to insist on neutral umpires.

What amazes me is that the ICC do not consult the Test captains. Almost all of them were in England at the time of the meeting. Surely they must be in a better position to talk about the problems facing cricket that those people who either stopped playing cricket years ago or never even played first-class cricket.

The captains' opinions should be sought as to why Law 42, with which the umpires are armed to stop intimidatory bowling, is not always implemented. In my experience, unless the umpire is from a third country there will always be dispute over his interpretation of intimidatory bowling.

Also, if the ICC had consulted great batsmen like Bradman, Gavaskar, Sobers, the Chappell brothers, Miandad, Boycott and Compton, I am certain they would all consider the one-bouncer-per-over law to be utterly ridiculous. I hope they speak out and that the ICC get ridof this unintelligent law.

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### **POINT OF VIEW**

HE last month has been astonishing, with so much decided-it seems-to remove international cricket's imperfections. Most surprising was the MCC's acceptance of remedies which are obviously imperfect in themselves. Perhaps they are seen only as temporary measures. But then there are no miracle cures. At least the administrators have recognised Test cricket's ugly warts, and tended them.

The slow over rates in Test matches were a cheat to the paying public; the mean, abusive language of the sledger has spread; uncontrolled bouncers

hour is long overdue because it can be easily achieved and is a guarantee of entertainment to the spectator who is having to find more and more money for a day out at a Test match.

When arguing this point with West Indians they truthfully say that over the last 15 years a faster rate of bowling would have meant their four fast bowlers finishing off the opposition more quickly which, in the end, reduces the number of days played and tickets sold.

It is impossible to deny

It would be wonderful for the game if this new playing condition persuaded bowlers to attach themselves more to the skills of bowling than to head-hunting

led to the wearing of helmets and made the game hideously anonymous and unattractive.

Some of the world's cricket captains had abdicated their responsibility to set the moral tone to a contest: they have stood by while umpires were pressurised.

The issue of South Africa, now admitted to the International Cricket Council, had long split the cricket fraternities in a deeply emotional way.

### **OVERRATES**

N the field, the most serious matter was that of overrates. The insistence on 15 overs an



Pace wars! New Zealand's Ken Rutherford is felled by a bouncer from England's Chris Lewis

that pattern but it is still reasonable for both teams to begin a match with an even chance of victory. The opponents of the West Indies have always known that they would scarcely face enough 90 mph balls in a day to make runs enough to set up a possible win.

This led teams to try to frustrate the West Indians by slowing down their own over rate. In no way are the West Indians entirely to blame—the Keith Fletcher-Sunil Gavaskar impasse in India in 1981 is unforgettable for its deliberate time-wasting—but the reduction of balls in the day has debased the entertainment

The 'deliberately harsh' fines may jolt the consciences of the captains but there will still be frustration for watchers. Many a day's play in Test cricket all over the world ends because of bad light, whether, the black clouds gather in England or the sun casts awkward shadows in the Caribbean. Who is to decide if the bowling side

When arguing, the Windies truthfully say that over the last 15 years a faster rate of bowling would have meant their four fast bowlers finishing off the opposition more quickly



A still groggy Rutherford is tended to by the team doctor and physio

is up with the pace?

How much better was the idea of Richie Benaud some weeks ago of insisting that 30 overs are bowled per session: lunch is taken after 30, tea after 60, and so on, with equally damaging fines if the day's quota is not met by the end.

### **DISCIPLINE**

A Simperfect, too, is the placing of a referee at cricket matches. He will arrive from a neutral country like an unwelcome alien and will sit in the stands with his binoculars trained on the play. It will be the most boring job in cricket and the most unpopular if performed conscientiously. Of course, his presence

represents a massive relinquishment of duty by home board of control and the captains and it was good to hear the ICC emphasising the need for responsible leadership.

ICC chief Colin
Cowdrey has been keen
on the referee concept
and it is true that there
have been glaring
instances when an
impartial judge has been
urgently needed, for
example the Shakoor
Rana dispute with Mike
Gatting in Pakistan.

In a perfect world the referee should have a limited life. Once the message has got back into the minds of captains that they have responsibility for a code of behaviour then the need for the invigilator should disappear.

### **BOUNCERS**

Oit is with the Douncer. One an over at a batsman is a welcome new restriction for anyone who saw Courtney Walsh trying to bounce out Robin Smith in Antigua a couple of winters ago. Witness the wads of padding which players wear to bat these days and compare them with the evidence on old video-tapes of Wesley Hall and Charlie Griffith bowling to a hatless Jim Parks or to Tom Graveney, protected only by a cap. It is clear that the game has deteriorated into an attritious joust

The bouncer, however, has a proper part in the play It is fair for a fast bowler to test the batsman's courage and his technique when the ball is nose-high. Surprise was always thought essential but soon, once the bouncer has been delivered in the over there can be no surprise and the batsman can ease with certainty on to the front

foot again. It would be wonderful for the game if this new playing condition persuaded bowlers to attach themselves more to the skills of bowling than to head-hunting. Captains place a more serious value on slow spin. Batsmen may remove their helmets and body padding and see that there is a game of skill and courage to be played by players with recognisable faces. Graeme Hick, for example, when he bats against the West Indies is lagged like a water tank. It is no wonder his movement is so slow.

## MSS CONDUCT

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here was she?

Alan Mills, chief referee at Wimbledon didn't know. Stephanie Tolleson, her IMG agent didn't know. Gerry Smith, CEO of the Women's Tennis

Association (WTA) didn't know.

Was she injured, had an accident, pregnant, what? What were the family doing wearing outlandish wigs in public?

Why did they allow themselves to be photographed on the driveway of Donald Trump's Florida estate?

Why all this sordid mystery?

Then finally, 25 days after Wimbledon began, Monica Seles breezed into an exhibition at Mahwah, New Jersey, a dog on her arm, lipstick and rouge on her face, and not a plausible explanation ready or an embarrassment apparent. The grotesque Monica Mystery remained unresolved.

"Where was she? Was she in Florida all this time?", she was asked.

"You're getting close," she teased.

Seles' repartee earned her no laughs. This was not the adorable nymphet of Paris, that earringed delight whose twisted grammar-I'm as nervous as a wreck'-caused a sensation of smiles. This was tennis' First Lady who had kicked dust on her sport, earning herself \$26,000 in fines and public scorn from her peers. Suddenly she wasn't no darling, but a 17-year-old, millionairess whose excesses of behaviour were displeasing.

In a feeble and confused effort to redeem herself, Seles spoke of her injury (first serious, then not

Monica Seles' recent graceless conduct gives rise to debate on what the responsibilities and proper behaviour of a world No.1 ought to be

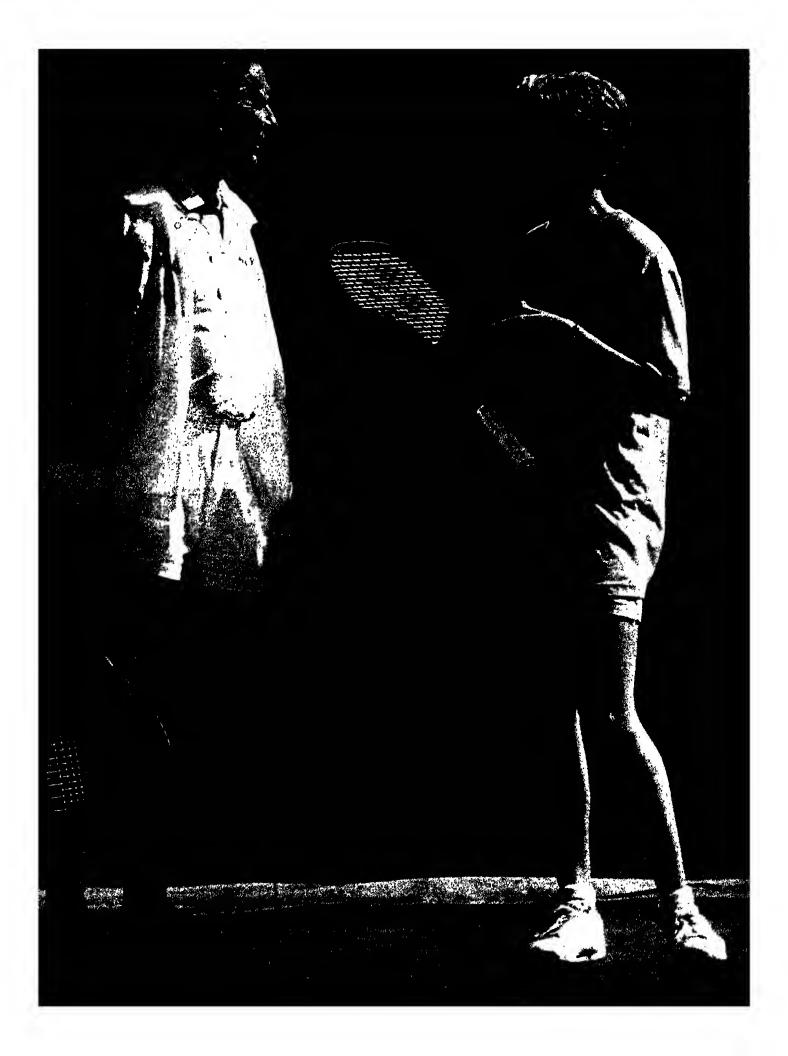
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serious), about the doctors she saw (first six, then eight) and on what was actually wrong (first shin splints, then a stress fracture). Was anyone buying this story? Not Tracy Austin: "All I can say is that it is an amazing recovery. I suffered a stress fracture in my back before Wimbledon 1983 and I was out for 6 weeks."

Father Karolj Seles

Seles and father at the 1991 French Open Daddy trouble for another ladies No. 17

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managed to wash over last summer's unseemly dramatics with Nick Bollitieri,

but getting his daughter out of this, lipstick intact, will not be as easy. The cartoonist's paranoic secrecy over his daughter's whereabouts during Wimbledon was poor marketing of a great product. But if that was

naieve, Seles' next move was naughty. She played the exhibition at Mahwah, but audaciously skipped the Federation Cup the week after citing injury.

The WTA slapped her with a maximum \$20,000 fine (for playing

an unauthorized tournament within 200 km of a tour event) and her peers slapped her with criticism. Said Steffi Graf of her successor, "You just can't do it...there are a few things which aren't quite right about it. It's strange. I don't know what kind of injuries she's got, but it's not possible to let her play

an exhibition event if she says she can't play the week after."

Jennifer Capriati, who beat her at Mahwah, was as rueful: "She looked fine to me. If she was hurting she shouldn't have played."

While the sympathy

McEnroe once said of Wilander,
"He doesn't want to be No.1. He
isn't even trying for it".
Wilander's reluctance was
subsequently vindicated







for Seles had dried up, the issues of premature burn-out and the prescribed behaviour for a No. 1 were thrust into debate again.

Seles is tennis' most complete definition of precocity, by virtue of having won three Grand Slam titles at 17, an age at which her predecessor Ms Graf was yet to win one.

With agents hovering like vultures, these children of sport are signing contracts from the pram, yet each extra sponsor means an extra exhibition and greed, and there is no kinder word, demands a heavy price from the body.

It is a shame that Seles's tenure at the top is already marred by graceless conduct. Champions are supposed to play games on court not off it Burn-out.

Burn-out is not just a teenage affliction or a women's tour prerogoative. It happened to Borg, it happened to Navratilova, it happened to Wilander. The former found his answer in retirement, but the latter two took advised breaks from the game.

Navratilova, washed out and fed up in early 1989 was immediately advised by her mentor Billie Jean King to go on holiday. Said Navratilova later: "It had never even occurred to me before that I could take time away from it all. Billie told me to go to Antigua and do only what I wanted and no worrying about tennis and rankings and tournaments. So I worked on my tan, that's it." A year later, a rejuvenated Navratilova won her ninth Wimbledon title.

Mats Wilander's predicament was identical. Admitting to a 'mental burn-out' in 1987, Wilander took a two-month sabbatical, married model Sonya Mulholland and returned to win three Grand Slam titles in 1988.

Seles' condition

is more physical than mental, her well-known keenness for exhibitions resulting in a torrid schedule of play, one that would obviously hurt her and has. It is a poor reflection on her father who manages her, moreso because instead of bringing the game into disrepute, as they have by such

puerile secrecy, he could have pleaded injury and allowed his daughter a rest.

The Women's Tennis Association, in particular, are displeased and dismayed by Seles' actions, for the world No. 1 is supposed

to be a source of inspirational leader ship, not, as it has transpired, a source of acute embarrassment. Seles' misadventure has dented the image of the women's tour, at an inappropriate time, for they are forcefully battling for equal prize money. The male chauvinists, and there are many, will be pleased by the ammunition Seles has supplied them.

No. I never comes easy, an understatement in its best sense, and with the halo of dollars and cloak of fame come ihe handcuffs of responsibility. Money is easily deali with, not the rest.

John McEnroe once said of Mats Wilander, "He doesn't want to be No.1. He isn't even trying for it". Wilander's reluctance was subsequently vindicated: when he did become No.1, he disintegrated and in 24 months his ranking plumeited from No.1 to No.41.

With the women the story is more complicated. When Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova were No. I, the WTA beamed, for both ladies were gracious, charming, articulate and sophisti cated. A dream of

leadership come true. So perfect was the situation that Graf's emergence was treated with suspicion, a conflict best described by John Feinstein in his book *Hard Courts*.

"Graf's ascendancy was not greeted with

overwhelming enthusiasm by either the Women's Tennis Association or Virginia Slims. Evert and Navratilova had become such superb spokeswomen for the sport. Both were excellent on television, good

public speakers and willing to do their part in promoting women's tennis...Graf radiated intensity, on and off the court. She made no pretense of being "one of the girls", not the way Evert and Navratilova had. She was in and out of the locker room in

> lightning-fast bursts and she rarely attended any WTA or Virginia Slims functions."

Graf had reason to shun the WTA for it was teeming with Evert and Navratilova "yes women", but once

"It had never even occurred to one before that I could take time away from it all. Billie told me to do what I wanted and no worrying about tennis and rankings and tournaments"-Martina Navratilova



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Becker wasn't ready for No. 1 a year ago



No. 1, adequately held her own.

The issue now is Monica Seles. In his infinite wisdom, Ion Tiriac once said in early 1989, "For Becker to be No. 1 will take a while, because I don't think he is ready for the

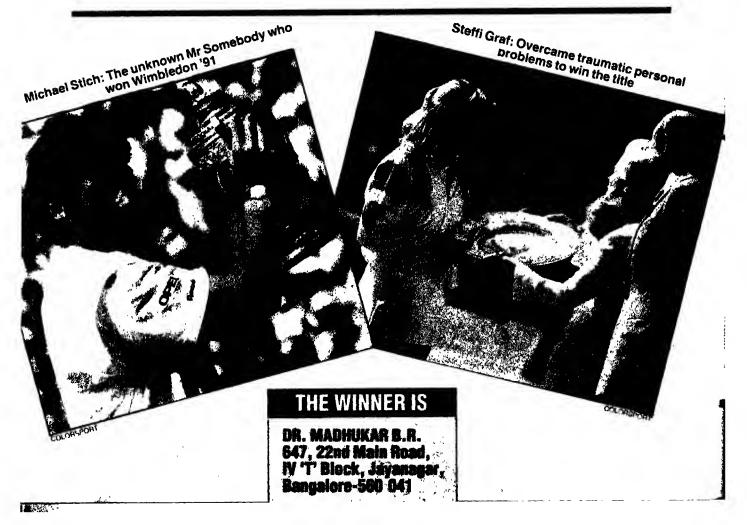
responsibility yet". Is Seles? She has not the maiurity (in years) that her predecessors had when they became No. 1, and her misguided moves to some measure will be attributed to her father. But he does not weild the racket, she

a good no f

does. Enormously talented, vivacious, and much loved, it is a shame that Seles' ienure at the top is already marred by such graceless conduct. Champions are supposed to play games on court not off it. Seles would do well to remember that.

# WIMBLEDON'91 PREDICTION CONTEST

Once again we thank readers for the tremendous response. This contest has convinced us that there are a lot of people who don't mind taking a risk. With the upset victory of Michael Stich, we initially thought that the number of all-correct entries would be very few, but once again we were wrong. Out of the 5,000 entries from all over India (and even entries from Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Dubai) there were 235 all-correct entries, so we had to have a lottery and....



- 1. Will Becker and Edberg clash in the finals again this year?
- ⊥ Yes
- W No
- 2. Will Martina Navratilova win a tenth singles title?
- → Yes
- ¥ No
- 3. Will Ivan Lendi win his first Wimbledon title?
- J\_Yes
- ¥ No
- 4. How far will Steffi Graf get?
- ¥ Win the title
- → Lose in the finals

- 5. Who will win the men's title?
- **∟** Edberg
- 」 Becker
- → Lendi
- ✓ Someone else



A dejected Boris Becker congratulates Michael Stich after the Wimbledon final. Although Becker was one of the favourites to win Wimbledon, his loss made it easier for us to go through the 5,000 odd entries!

### THE OTHER ALL-CORRECT ENTRIES

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### Viv Richards'

On the eve of his retirement from Test cricket, the West Indian skipper steers his side to a memorable victory at Edgbaston...

T was a happy thing Vivian Issac Richards that the West Indies achieved such a convincing victory over England in their rival's own backyard. For, Viv Richards is one man in the whole of the cricketing world who does not deserve a farewell in disgrace. An era in world cricket is coming to a close, as the great West Indian now slowly works his way into retirement, and it is undoubtedly a good thing that Viv Richards is not going to take his last bow as a losing leader.

It was so much more significant that Viv Richards himself starred

The Caribbean
pace battery:
(Left to right)
Walsh,
Patterson,
Ambrose and
Marshall



## Parting Gift



in this seven=wicket win, for which the Caribbeans had begun tightening the noose around England's neck as early the second day of the match. Richards pulled the lever on the fourth day, steering his side clear of some fleeting moments of uncertainty, and of lurking defeat, by scoring an unbeaten 73.

The Caribbeans had unleashed their firepower right from beginning shaking the early England innings with their pace battery reducing the Englishmen to pulp for 184 for nine. The only semblance of resistance that came was provided by skipper Graham Gooch, the old guard who never relents. Like on so many occasions in the past, the early breakthrough came from Malcolm Marshall, who took two vital wickets during their afternoon session, as England struggled to reach a meagre 117 for four by tea.

The onus at this stage obviously lay on the two young English aspirants, Graeme Hick and Mark Ramprakash, for both of whom the current season was of so much importance. Hick, even though he gave a clear indication of his shaky stand, by giving an early chance, in the slips, mustered courage to slog along, while Ramprakash sought to



Viv Richards: towards a happy ending

stonewall the West Indian onslaught.

After the early loss of Test debutant Hugh Morris for three, England briefly prospered to score at a run a minute in a rain-shortened opening session after the West Indies had won the toss and sent them in.

It was only after the tea interval that the West Indies pace battery returned with renewed vigour, restricting the runs, crippling the England batsmen's strokeplay, and slowly wresting the initiative back to themselves.

The biggest breakthrough for the Caribbeans came when England, on 88, saw the fall of Gooch the last hope, whose middle stump was rattled by Marshall.

The collapse of the England innings. perhaps, provided the necessary impetus for the West Indian batting to take off on a grand scale, as Richie Richardson batted with lustre, verve scoring a superb century. And amid the fire and fury, the Englishmen fumbled as Phil DeFreitas beat the bat only twice an over, two catches went down, unfortunately enough off his own bowling before finally



It was a happy thing for Vivian Richards that the West Indies achieved such a convincing victory over England in their rivals' own backyard. For, Viv Richards is one man in the whole of the cricketing world who does not deserve a farewell in disgrace

Desmond Haynes was felled—the only significant gain for England till then.

A potential avalanche of success seemed to be up England's way soon, as Chris Lewis ripped through the West Indies tail-enders, making the visitors lose their last six

### **SCORECARD**

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Extra	13	Extras
Total	292	Total (for three wickets)
Fall of wickets: 1/52, 2/93, 3/148, 4/194, 5/257, 6/258, 7/266, 8/267, 9/285. Bowling: DeFreitas 25.3-9-40-2; Lewis 35-10-11-6; Pringle 23-9-48-1; Illingworth 17-2-75-1; Gooch 6-1-11-0; Hick 1-1-0-0.	,	Fall of wickets: 1/23, 2/23, 3/24;  Bowling: DeFreitas 13-2-54-3; Lewis 16-7-45-0; Pringle 7-1-31-0; Illingworth 4.4-0-23-0.
ENGLAND (first innings)		Second Innings:
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Total	188	Total 255
Fail of wickets: 1/6, 2/53, 3/88, 4/108, 5/129; 6/159, 7/163, Bowling: Ambrose 23-6-64-3; Patterson 11-2-39-1; Walsh Marshall 12.4-1-33-4; Hooper 3-2-2-0.		Fall of wickets: 1/2, 2/4, 3/5, 4/71,5/94, 6/96, 7/127, 8/144, 9/238. Bowling: Ambrose 33-16-42=2 Patterson 31-6-81-5; Marshall 19.4-3-53-2; Walsh 7-1-20-1; Simmons 3-0-7-0; Hooper 12,3-26-0.

wickets for 39, to be eventually out for 292, with a lead of 104.

But true to their unforgiving Caribbean vengeance, West Indies cut short the English euphoria, putting the Englishmen on the rack by tea in their second innings. There, of course, was the never-say-die heroes, as usual—Graham Gooch and Allan Lamb, seriously threatening a recovery.

Shortly before tea, however, Courtney Walsh had Lamb edging a catch to wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon for 28, and England were in deep trouble at 74 for four at the interval.

Then came Patrick
Patterson with a
vengeance, triggering off
the England collapse
with two wickets in his
first over just before
lunch, dismissing Hugh
Morris and Mike
Atherton for one apiece
in the space of just four
balls. The cheap
dismissals one by one
began to seal England's
fate.

And the English misery reached a pathetic low, when



An era in world cricket is coming to a close, and it is undoubtedly good that Viv Richards is not going to take his last bow as a losing leader...

Graeme Hick's sorry plight in a hopeful debut season came into sharp focus.

The rest is history. The quick English dismissals almost pushed everyone towards the foregone conclusion of an imminent West Indian victory. And apart from a brief uncertain spell in the Caribbean second innings, it was a dazzling spectacular streak of batting brilliance from skipper Richards that brought about the Caribbean triumph.

A Correspondent, Birmingham

## EXTRAS

Cricket news that is both interesting and funny.....



Carl Rackemann: appointed captain of Queensiand

THE TCCB and the New Zealand Board are having difficulty in agreeing the itinerary for England's pre-World Cup visit. Three Tests (Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch) are envisaged, but the number of one-day internationals is still under discussion. The TCCB, who are considering an invitation for England to participate in a one-day tournament in Sharjah in October, are adamant that the New Zealand tour should not start until after Christmas.

The MCC cricket committee, which recently allowed the use of a double-sided bat, has outlawed a revolutionary bat in which the blade is extended in front of the handle to protect the fingers. The new bat was designed by Kent computer buff John Cook, and a prototype was produced by the John Newbery factory in Sussex.

HARROGATE'S Yorkshire League match against Cleethorpes on June 29 lasted just 40 minutes after the home side insisted on starting on time, despite the fact that only three of the visiting Cleethorpes side were present, the others having been held up by roadworks on the A1. Cleethorpes reached 11 for 2 before a fourth man arrived, only to be 'Timed Out' when he went to the wicket carrying his equipment.

Graham Gooch and Viv Richards: Sharing transport?



Harrogate captain Austin Jelfs explained that league rules permitted no leeway over the starting time.

MARK TAYLOR will lead an Australian XI on tour in Zimbabwe from Sept 5-26. His side includes two other Test players, batsmen Tom Moody and Steve Waugh, and also contains two legspinners, Victorians Peter McIntyre and Shane Warne. The full team is: M.A. Taylor (NSW. capt), M.G. Bevan (NSW), J. Cox (Tas), D.J. Hickey (SA), W.J. Holdsworth (NSW), S.G. Law (Qld), P.E. McIntyre (Vic), T.M. Moody (WA), T.J. Tucker (Tas), S. Warne (Vic), S.R. Waugh (NSW).

SCOTLAND allrounder Andy Goram has been told to give up cricket by his new football club Rangers, who signed the Scotland goalkeeper from Hibernian for £1,000,000. Two years ago Goram was fined by Hibs after ignoring their ban to play against the touring Australians, but he says he will not be tempted to defy the Rangers edict. He signed off for Scotland with an innings of 21 and the wickets of Neil Lenham and Paul Parker in his last match, the NatWest Trophy first-round the against Sussex.

FORMER New Zealand Test umpire Fred Goodall has married Di Malthus, a lady umpire he met at a cricket match 10 years ago (at that time she was still playing, and he gave her out). WATCHED by some 200 rather bemused Kurds, teams taken from the English and Australian forces in the peacekeeping force in Northern Iraq played a cricket match at Baufa on June 15. Australia (97 for 9) beat England (63): after the match, all the equipment was given to the Kurds. CARL RACKEMANN has been appointed captain of Queensland in succession to Trevor Hohns, who has retired for the second time. Rackemann, 31, has taken 39 wickets in 12 Tests for Australia.

Ashdown Forest-bowled out for 0 in 1986-and Alton 2nd XI-who suffered a similar fate last year-met at Hambledon in a special match during June to discover 'cricket's worst-ever side'. Alton made 97; Ashdown Forest seemed to be cruising to victory at 59 for 0 before, perhaps predictably, collapsing to 80 all out. IT WAS revealed in *The Observer* that actress

Dame Peggy Ashcroft, who died in June, once kept fellow performers at the Royal Shakespeare Company up to date with the latest Test score using a small radio concealed inside the helmet she wore while playing Margaret of Anjou. She was also proud of having scored 16, batting with Cyril Washbrook before being bowled by Len Hutton in a special match between the Houses of Lancaster and York in 1963.

RIVAL captains Graham Gooch and Viv Richards took a helicopter flight to London together before the third Test to open the Harrod's summer sale.

DURHAM'S overseas player next season, when



Dean Jones: bound for Durham town

they become cricket's 18th first class county, will be the Australian batsman Dean Jones. The 30-year-old Victorian has long cherished an ambition, to play county cricket and he was expected to be a target for Yorkshire if that county decided to sign its first overseas import. The forceful Jones has scored 3045 runs in 44 Tests for Australia, and also has made 4576 runs in 113 one-day internationals.

Jones will be joined at Durham by Phil Bainbridge, 33, who retired last year after 14 seasons with Gloucestershire.

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The man called 'Tub' revels i

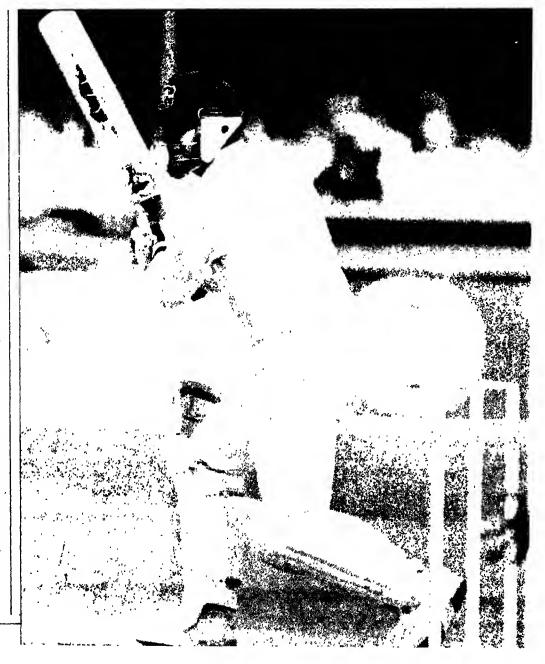
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ALLAN BORDER thrally relinquishes the Test captaincy after an extraordinary reign which has touched two decades, most agree that Mark Anthony Taylor, the Riverina-born left hander with an insatiable run appetite will immediately become Austrahan crickef's new supremo. Taylor's leadership qualities and popullarity are undeniable.

What's more, the man called "Tub" revels in a challenge, Captaining New South Wales in the 1989-90 Shield final in place of the injured Geoff Lawson, he scored 127 and 100 to ensure NSW its 40th Shield. "He's got a great cricketing brain. He knows what is happening," says Lawson.

After Border's Australi-

The style, the elegance of a man called Mark Taylor



# ORY!

### challenge

ans defeated Pakistan in February, 1990, confirming their status as the No. 2 ranked Test playing country behind the West Indics, Pakistan's legendary skipper lmran Khan paid homage to Taylor, who earlier that day had finished the series with 101 not out: "He really showed the temperament which is required by a top-order batsman and that is where we went wrong; our toporder did not function." In that momentous 1989-90 home summer. the thickset opener amassed 703 runs, averaging 78.11 to lift his overall Test average to almost 70, second only to the great Don Bradman. "It's awesome," said skipper Border. "He's looking tighter and tighter all the time and the expectation is that he will get a big score. If he doesn't, everyone is shocked."

Most of the Australian players believe Taylor is ideal captaincy material and while he may not get an opportunity to lead until after the 1993 Australian tour of England-when Border is expected to retire-the extra experience at the top-level will be invalua-

ble and while he waits, he can concentrate on what he does best-batting.

The most distinguished NSW left-hand opener since the great Arthur Morris, Taylor is ranked among the top six batsmen currently in international cricket.

extremely-gifted child of the NSW bush, joining Steve and Mark Waugh in the Australian youth team against Sri Lanka in 1982-83.

At 20, Taylor blazed his way into contention for a Shelfield Shield berth



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### **FAST FACTS**

TAYLOR learnt the basics of batting in the concrete garage of the family home in Wagga, his father throwing cork "compo" balls at him for hours on end.

His subsequent progress and improvement at the Northern Districts was immediate, the youngster swiftly establishing himself as another with 185 for Northern Districts against Mosman in Sydney grade cricket and 102 for NSW Seconds against a Victorian Second XI.

He soon celebrated his 21st birthday midway through his State debut, against Tasmania in Hobart in the first match of 1975-76 in which he made 12 and 56 not out, he opened the innings with another rookie, 20-year-old Mark

Waugh. They'd been the only two players to break into the formidable NSW XI which had won the Sheffleld Shield final six months previously.

So determined was Taylor to cement a place for himself in the team that he deferred a surveying exam at the University of NSW to play for his State.

In his fourth big match—and second at the Syducy Cricket Ground—he made 118 against WA, his maiden first-class century. His two biggest mentors through this stage had been his father and Northern District's clubmate and ex-NSW batsman Neil Marks.

Marks said: "He showed as a teenager he had the right technique and temperament. We looked after him, took him along slowly. Every step of the way he fulfilled his promise."

"His temperament is number one. I think when it reaches this level that cricket is 80 per cent temperament and 20 per cent ability."

### **COMMENTS**

CCUSED of being a little slow on his feet-particularly when running between wickets-he was run out twice in his first Test match against the West Indies. Two years later, it happened again in Adelaidc. but only after a mountainous load of runs in between which helped him become one of the five Cricketers of the Year in Wisden. the prestigious yellow-backed English cricket almanack.

After his debut 100, Lawson analysed "Hts great strengths are hts even temperament and his tight, correct technique which helps htm survive when things are sticky."

"He never worries about being beaten, the state of the wicket or who's bowling. He just plays every ball as it comes to him. That's the way we're all taught to bat, but doing it is not that easy, especially if it's your first Test against England at the dreaded Headingley ground as well.

"A bad shot at goll will bring forth more self criticism than a bad shot in a Test match, which probably means he's chosen the right sport."

At Nottingham, in the fifth Test of Australia's great 1989 Ashes campatgn—and only the seventh of his career—he batted through a whole day's play in a memorable opening which led to his first Test double cen-

One of the few chinks in Taylor's armoury, his running between wickets needs improvement. Here he is seen getting run out



### Taylor (right) talking strategy with fellow opener Geoff Marsh

tury (219, scored in 550 minutes).

In combination with team deputy Geoff Marsh, the Australian scoreline at stumps was 0-301. Taylor, 141 and Marsh, 125. It was only the ninth time two batsmen had batted through a full day of a Test match and the first time two openers had done so on the first day of an Ashes encounter.

Their great stand eventually ended at 329. It was the highest opening stand ever in an Ashes Test, surpassing the 323 by Jack Hobbs and Wilfred Rhodes for England against Australia to Melbourne in 1911–12.



Taylor had been given the job of opening under the pressure of being the man for whom the great Marsh-David Boon partnership had been split.

"Everything seemed to go right," he said. "I hit the ball well and when I did get a nick, it didn't go to hand."

He went on to score 839 runs, the most by an Australian opener in a Test series and withtn range of Sir Donald Bradman's national record of 974 runs in 1930.

For the tour he amassed 1669 first-class runs, more than any other player for the tour. "Once he gets his feet moving he's great," says Lawson, "because he gets so far forward and so far back."

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On hts way to 164 in only his 10th Test match, against Sri Lanka in Brisbane in 1989-90, he became the first batsman to score 1000 Test runs in his first calendar year In international cricket. Hts reaction was typically modest: "It's nice to be the first at anything but I'm not going to get too excited. I've played in 10 Tests

and there have been a lot of very good players in previous cras who simply didn't play that many matches in a year".

it proved to be hts lucky day. Not only did he ensure a draw with his third Test century and first in Australia, that night on the Brisbane-to-Sydney leg on the flight to Hobart and the next Test, he

drew the lucky number with dinner and was presented with a special Christmas hamper!

### WRAP UP

TAYLOR has always been an opener, since his earliest bush cricket battles—his first competitive game was as a 10-year-old.

"I just kept opening when I came to Sydney. It was not a conscious decision to be an opener for the rest of my life. That's the way it happened. You develop your game around being an opener."

Renowned for his mental toughness, he scored 441 runs at 49, including inning's of 76, 59 and 144 to his float three Tests.

In a tour of ill-feeling and acrimony by the West Indies against Australia last year his four half centuries and a century confirmed his status as one of the world's best openers. He further underlined his position as Australia's best first slipsman since the great Bob Stmpson. his anticipation and catching ability from the hardest, quickest chances being uncanny.

A capable Australian Rules footballer, Taylor played first-grade in Sydney for Pennant Hills before concentrating solely on his cricket. He also represented the Combined Universities at rugby league. Away from the game he likes nothing better than getting away to Coff's Harbour, on the NSW Central Coast for fishing. swimming and a spot of golf.

Kon Piesse, Melbourne Editor, The Cricketer Australia



MYSORE LAMPS WORLD PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

## Russell Hustle

Mike Russell, 22 years old, and with an earring in his ear and magic in his hands won his second world billiards championship





HE earring in Mike Russell's left earlobe glowed brightly as the cameras flashed. The crowds roared. the champ winked back. This was the world billiards champion, for the second time and he was just a 22-year-old ktd. But there was no kid stuff in the way he played, no youthful swagger in his walk. He faced cach opponent with a confidence born not out of callow brashness but out of the knowledge that he was the best cucist in town.

Robbie Foldvarl, 31 years old, and an uncharacteristically phlegmatic Aussie, tried hard to break Russell's composure with his slow play in the final, but the champion was more than a match for him.

The world championship was decided with an emphatic 1352-975 victory for the

Englishman. With this, Mike Russell once again engraved his name on the trophy he first won in Sydney in 1989. And when Russell held up the trophy, dreams of cricket must have been furthest from his mind.

Russell says that he took to billiards ten years ago, when his cricket match in Middlesborough in north-east England fell prey to

Russell's billiards
career began ten
years ago when his
cricket match at
Middlesborough was
interrupted by rain.
Instead of hanging
around he walked into
a local club nearby,
picked up a cue
and...

the perennial plague of rain. He walked towards the billiards club nearby, preferring the red and white balls to the monotony of fall raindrops. Hesitantly he took the cue, and awkwardly cued a ball. He found that he was "pretty good" at it and his canter towards the world championships had begun.

Russell was favourite to win the Mysore Lamps world professional billiards championships held at the plush Hyatt Regency in the heart of the capital. The only other person commanding the same amount of respect among the participants was India's Geet Sethi. But while Russell played to form, and to expectations, Sethi sadly losi in the semts.

The July 30 final started slowly, with both the players taking recourse to safety first tactics. Russell trailed Foldvari for three visits before dismissing any doubting Thomases with a break of



243 This was enough to give him the lead-one which he refused to surrender in two hours and the hist session ended with a 596-474 lead for the younger cuest

Midway into the two hour session both the players indulged in act it ind mouse strategy. Both the white bills were on the bottom enshion and the red at the opposite end of the table. Four times each the contenders just knocked the opponent's bill along the cushion wishing the other to take the initiative. Foldy an obliged but Russell could not take much advantage notehing up just 14.

On resumption of play in the second session. Russell found his work ent out by the dogged play of I oldvari who with breaks of 194. IO3 and 47 surged to the lead in the third hour. But the champlon inruffled by this setback came up with 1263 break to break. I oldvari sback in a now or never situation, he resorted to double bruiking Foldvari and soon the Australian had his back to the wall.

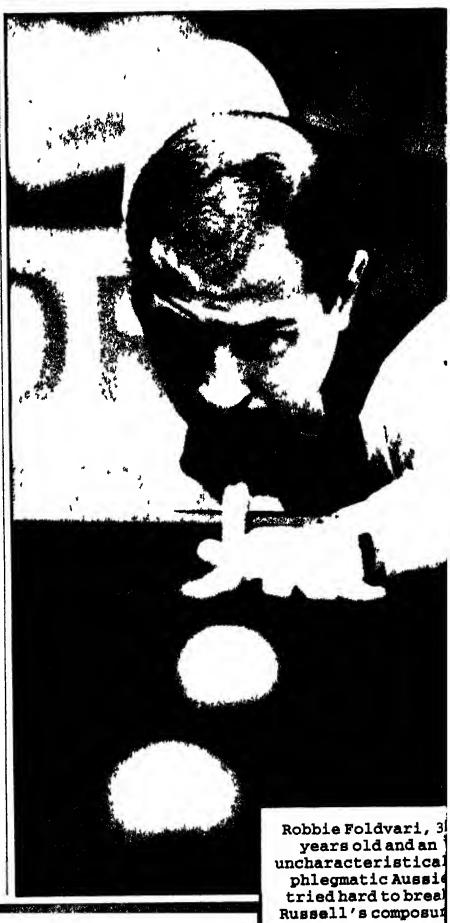
lien in strumphant coup de grice Russell pulled off breaks of 80-210 and 89 to go beyond the reach of Folds are who trudged on gamely with breaks of 143 and an unlimished 81 before time ran out for him

The semis had been an easy chough hurdle to cross for Russell He crushed the man who everyone thought would give him trouble Peter Gilchrist the runner up in Sydney Asuperb 411 on his 37th visit scaled the fate for Calchist Russell's earlier breaks of 259-127 and 193 took the wind out of Calchrist's sails. After the 411 all that Calchi st could do was to admire the champion's table work and dish out entertainment. to the crowd with some trick shots The eventual points line read 1907 1024

The other semi final match was a different allair with the lead changing hands many times before I oldvari pushed aside Geet Sethi's challenge by a mere 47 points

So thi started off well enough and carned a 524 490 lead in the first two hours of play Breaks of 216

Literatura in the first of the day



Geet Sethi shrugged
off his defeat
philosophically,
and dismissed
rumours that his new
spectacles were
troubling him



and 103 and other more handy ones helped him to offset the Australian's breaks of 102 and 312

Foldvari shot ahead of Sethi with 111 on his 35th visit only to lose it on Sethi's 37th foray On the 38th, Foldvari with a 62 limped ahead and never looked back as Geet Sethi found himself in difficulties with the Australian baniking him most of the time. Sethi went for a three cushion canon but missed one of the several misses for big breaks His victories over Bob Close and Norman Dagley had almost been Houdini like But againsi Foldvari. Geei Sethi was not destined to win and gave up ai 946 899

The championship ball was seitoling literally by BCCI president Madhav Rao Scindia. In the first round Michael Ferreira, three time world champion, lost to Hugh Ninimo by almost double the points. Bob Close too hit the mat against Geet Sethi while Russell Norman Dagley. Foldvari, Peter Gilchrist and Ian Williamson made nincement of their respective opponents, while Clive Everton got to the next round when Australia's Liddie Charlton withdrew.

The quarter finals saw Foldware narrowly heat Williamson 850-757 and Geet Sethr too squeaked through with a 1389-1194 win over Dagley Russell and Gilchrist had less trouble disposing of their opponents Everton and Nimmo by 1693-723 and 1423-1027 respectively

After the championships Russell the youngest world probilliards champion revealed that he would like to diversify into snooker If I work it out right I should be able to play a fair bit of snooker and all the billiards he said

Get Seth: the other lavourite shrugged off his disappointing performance philosophically. There is no excuse really. I played badly and lost, he told a reporter He also dismissed the whispers making the rounds that his new spectacles were troubling him. Said Seth: "No, the glasses have nothing to do with it. I miguite used to it."

Joel Rai, New Delhi



## ARGIE!

OPA America '91
was scheduled to
have become a Chilean celebration. In
it's 75th anniversary, the Chileans des
perately sought their first South
American Championship title,
which they had never officially won
before.

Meanwhile of course, the unfavourable impression created by the Chilean goalkeeper Roberto Rojas (in a World Cup qualifying return leg game against Brazil in 1989), who play-acted when a firecracker was hurled into the goalmouth also had to be undone. FIFA took disciplinary action for Rojas' tantrums and Chile was subsequently banned till the 1994 World Cup in the United States. But ominous things had happened prior to the commencement of the Cup.

While Colo Colo brought cheers to the nation by becoming the champion club of South America this year, the semi-final incident involving Boca Juniors of Argentina, brought international jeers.'

Colo Colo's third goal in the semis looked apparently offside.

Carlos Valderrama: missed many chances against Brazil





Play was held up for 15 minutes as the pitch witnessed bedlam. Brawls broke out as Chilean fans jumped the moat and went for the unlucky Argentines. Police dogs took the cue from them, and bit and chewed the Boca players.

Apud was pushed into the moat. Goalkeeper Navarro Montoya fisted a constable on duty. Coach Washington Tabarez, took and returned an assault by a cameraman with compliments, hospitalising the latter! Ultimately, Boca had to pay \$60,000 as compensation.

The Chileans attempted to clean up this bad image, and impress the CONMEBOL (South American Football Confederation) and FIFA so that the international ban could be lifted. And a clean chit for participation in the 1994 extravaganza be given.

Meanwhile Mr Eric Weil, a noted reviewer of the South American soccer scene, had Argentina as the hot favourites, followed by Brazil (surprisingly) and Uruguay, the third of the 'Big-Three'. Among the seven

#### Brazilian Mauro Silva is chased by Ecuador's Ivo Ron

others in the fray. Colombia. Chile (having the best of the chances of upsetting the 'Big-Ones') and Paraguay were the tough opponents. Peru's game is on the decline and therefore the chances were slim. while Ecuador was the likely one to cause an upset. Bolivia, of course, are only good in their high-altitude plateau, which outsiders could never confront. And poor Venezuela, with oil riches and American influences which made 'beisbol' (baseball) their most popular game, (not soccer) were again expected to become the whipping boys of the meet.

Against the backdrop of a salubrious Mediterranean winter, Chile kicked off at the Santiago's Estadio Nacional with 72,000 screaming fans repeatedly roaring: "Dulce Patria, recibe los votos," sometimes punctuated by "Vamos Chi-le". "Vamos Chi-le." (Go, Go Chile!) against the hapless Venezuelans, priveleged to be play-

ing the inaugural game of Copa America '91.

Encouraged by such backing the Chileans had the measure of the opposition in each of their games. However, against Argentina, in spite of the good fight they put up, the Chileans lost to the more organised and motivated side.

At the end of their Group-A, round robin league fixtures, Chile manager Arturo Salah was a happy man, as they finished second to Argentina. But their fans were not as forgiving. They had expected an all-win record.

Salah, with just three foreignbased players at his command, was limited to a team basically revolving around the Colo Colo, Cobreloa and Universidad Catolica clubs.

Ivan Zamorano of Sevilla (Spain) at 24, proved his worth as a fast and incisive striker, when he ended the championship with a personal tally of five goals, second behind Gabriel Batistuta of Boca Juniors and Argentina. Hugo

Ruboi of Saint Gallen (Switzerland) in midfield was backed by the other dependable midfielder, Jaime Vera of OFI Greece.

Patricio Yanez, the 30-year-old striker from Colo Colo, who was almost single-handedly expected to win the Cup for Chile, was a constant source of danger to the rival defence.

Colombia was very much in contention for the Cup. They were very good in Italy, but lacked good finish. Carlos Valderrama, who play for Valladolid, was around with Bernardo Redin, who plays for

Argentine captain Oscar Ruggeri and teammate Diego Simeone carry the America Cup Trophy. Argentina defeated Colombia 2-1 in the finals CSKA Sofia in Bulgaria, a place where hardly any South American player dreams of going.

Both played brilliantly against Brazil. First they won the Group B fixture 2-0, and also in their defeat in the final round by Brazil 0-2, a match in which they missed too many chances in the second half.

But Colombia finished fourth in spite of 12 foreign-based players and eight World Cuppers in the squad. No other team had this advantage, but long winter rains affected their slow buildups in attack, interspersed by short-passing.

Very few predicted a Brazilian cele-





bration. After all, they have had a very disappointing international run since the 1990 World Cup. Fal cao has unfortunately been a very very unlucky man. Compelled to bring back the foreign-based stars (of whom five are now playing in Italy)—Taffarel, the goalkeeper, Julio Cesar, Mazinho, Branco and Joao Paulo. He also had Neto, a midfielder overlooked by Lazaroni in Italy, in the Brazilian side.

When Neto clicked in Chile, the rest of the team was galvanised. And when he falled, Brazil went down. But they earned notoriety in Chile by showing the cynical face o Brazilian soccer. Brutality, always beneath the surface, manifested itself openly against Argentina, themselves hardly saintly either.

But Brazil have brilliant



Argentine players leave the field in an embrace after defeating Brazii 3-2 in Santiago. From left: Diego Simeone, Gabriel Batistuta, Leo Rodriguez and Fabian Basualdo

under-20 players, who by 1994, could make an impact on continental and world soccer. With the Brazilians, one can never tell. Here lies their hope.

Uruguay, was another team in the process of rebuilding. They had brought only three of their foreign-based exiles for the Cup. Venancio Ramos, (who was seen in action at Calcutta in 1982) is back in the side at the age of 32. With almost a new side, their 1-1 draw with Brazil in Group B was thus impressive.

They had a very experienced manager in Luis Cubilla who, as a

player with Penarol, had earned the highest rewards.

The team was very hurriedly assembled for the Copa America. Before going to Chile they played the USA and lost. Shocked, Uruguay recovered to win 2-0 against Mexico and 1-0 against Costa Rica.

No one expected an Uruguayan triumph, but by the time they were edged out on goal difference by Brazil, they had done enough to cause a flutter.

Venezuela, Paraguay and Peru offered little by way of football. But it was Argentina's hour. They had triumphed last in 1959. Alfio Basile gave them (Copa America Cup) what Bilardo, Menotti, Cap, Sivori and Juan Carlos Lorenzo, before him could not.

This team could well be world class provided they play consistent soccer. Canniggia confirmed his rating as a world class striker. And now, Gabriel Batistuta Leonardo Rodriguez and defender Leonardo Astrada (who is Basile's find of 1991) might have already signed contracts with European clubs!

Sergio Goycoechea is a vastlyimproved goalkeeper as was evident in Chile. Diego Lattore was tooheavily marked, injured, and missed the deciding final game against Colombia.

One thing apart from Argentina still being unbeaten at the conclusion of the championship is. that there is no 'Big-Three' anymore.

**Pallab Muhury** 

#### PREDICTION

O every thing there is a season and a time for every purpose under the sun. A time to weep and a time to laugh."

December 1969 was truly a time to laugh for a young couple in Madras. When a son was born to Susheela and Viswanathan, they named him "joy" i.e. Anand. Boris Spassky had just become the world chess champion and a 19-year-old International Master, Anatoly Evgenyvitch Karpov won the world junior championship.

In 1970 Karpov became a Grandmaster and in '73 he qualified for the Candidates. He won his first round match easily enough against Lev Polugaevsky. But he was paired against Boris Spassky in the semi finals. Everyone said

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24-year-old
to actually
win against

Time, in more senses than one, is going to play a crucial role in GM V. Anand's duel with Anatoly Karpov in the Candidates Chess quarter finals in Brussels. While the young Indian maestro will seek to keep those flapping wings of Time under his command, playing his characteristic blitzkrieg chess, the Soviet former World Champion may have to rue the 41 years that Time has so ruthlessly taken away from his life...Devangshu Dutt previews the battle of the giants.

the brilliant 41-year-old Spassky.

Meanwhile, the young Anand was growing up. Unlike Karpov who had the vast chess establishment of the USSR backing him and former champion Mikhail Botvinnik as a coach, Anand had only his mother to teach him chess. He spent two vital years in the Philippines where he learnt how the game could be studied scientifically.

When his parents returned to Madras there was a total lack of facilities. At the Tal Chess Club, 30 kids would gueue up to use one chess set and clock. It was "winner-to-stay" five minute blitz games. Something that worked to his advantage for the "lightning kid" proved invincible, beating all comers. He became national champion at 14 and an IM the same year. (Note that Karpov made the IM grade at 19). At 17. he became the first Asian to win the world junior title ahead of Ivanchuk, Agdestein and others who were highly fancied. At 18, Anand became a GM, two years ahead of Karpov. At 20, he qualified for the Candidates, the only man who has EVER done so unaided by a second.

Anand won his first round Candidates match easily enough against Alexey Dreev this January. On August 10 at the SAS Royal Hotel, Brussels the 21-year-old Anand has a showdown with the 41-year-old Karpov in a quarterfinal match no one or almost no one, expects him to win.

Has the wheel turned full circle? Most experts say Anand is a fine prospect, but he plays too fast, too superficially to upset the brilliant 41-year-old former champion. It is only his

Anand meets Karpo

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second one-to-one match and Karpov is still a great player-so what if he has lost to Garri Kasparov? Anand is just too inexperienced to pull it off the experts feel.

One wonders whether Karpov remembers being the underdog, 17 years ago against Boris Spassky. Then Karpov was hot and hungry, now he is cold and calculating. Has too much time elapsed for him to be uneasy-to see a reflection of his younger self in Anand? The parallels are uncanny. As the unknown preacher I quoted, also said 3000 years ago maybe "there is nothing new under the sun." To paraphrase him-there is a time to win and time to lose too.

The comparison is, if anything in Anand's favour. Anand's comparative career graph shows he has exceeded Karpov's achievements, usually by a couple of years. If Karpov played quickly in his youth. Anand plays twice as fast and just as effectively. At 21, Karpov was being mentioned as a possible championship prospect;Anand is already world No.9. As to hunger, well the Indian



has good table manners but he is very hungry—you do not jump a hundred and fifty ranking spots inside two years if you are not ravenous.

Life does not end at 40 for a chess player but it becomes harder. Chess is a sport that demands total fitness. As many calories are burned by a GM sitting down for six hours, as a soccer or tennis player burns jumping around.

Maintaining fitness is even tougher because the chess player does it sitting down.

Professor Elo in his monumental study of the ratings of chess players went through the career graph of everyone who has played international tournaments since 1851! He proved conclusively that playing strength declines after the mid-thirties.

Karpov's recent

Karpov with his wife during happier times



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#### n Candidates' Chess:

## ds of Time

results indicate he is no exception to the rule. He peaked at 37 when he drew the Title match in Sevilla (Spain) in 1987. He has played steadlly worse in the last two years. Three losses in a row at Rotterdam '90, a narrow single point victory against Artur Yusupov in the semi-finals of the last Candidates cycle. Several obvious errors in the lasi Candidates final with Jan Timman which the "flying Dutchman" could not exploit. This was not the same inhumanly accurate player who averaged a loss a year. There were niggling little lapses, GMs wriggling out of inferior positions, even turning the tables in time trouble.

Time trouble? From Karpov who used to have half an hour to spare on the clock? Yes! Then Kasparov beat him comfortably in their '90 Title match with a couple of games in hand.

The 28-year-old world champion sensed the turn of the wheel. At his posi-match conference Kasparov stated "The Karpov era is over. My next challenger (in '93) will possibly be Boris Gelfand or maybe Vassily Ivanchuk, but not Anatoly Karpov. My generation is finally breaking through."

Confirming Karpov's decline was his incredible collapse at Linares (Spain) in February. Karpov lost live games in that meet and crashed out of the prize list for the first time in his international career. His ranking has slumped from two to three.

One of those losses came against "El Hindu



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Gran Maestro" the day after their Candidates pairing was announced. Saim-Javed would approve of the timing. The Indian star found it "Most amusing rather cute really to play just 24 hours after the draw was announced."

Working alone can lead to practical problems but it also leads to self reliance. Anand has no idols and he always goes for his opponent's throat.

He defers to none at the board.

He improvised a cheeky line that left established theory behind on move three. The idea was a joke he had tried in blitz games

against IMs Prasad and Murugan, but he knew it could work in a serious encounter, even with a legend.

Karpov was reduced to undignified scrambling to make his last 19 moves in two minutes. Anand got the edge and never let go forcing a very significant victory. (Featured in this week's column)

Significant, not only because of the psychological factors, but also the technical ones. First he showed his creativity in the

#### **Candidates Finals:**

We asked ANAND for his comments on the other matches

"I can't see any clean favourites. Overall they should be close, I don't see any of the matches turning into a rout. Timman Vs Korchnoy and Gelfand Vs Short feature rivals whose Eloratings differ by just around five points. There is little to choose between them on paper. Ivanchuk, is, of course, over a 100 points ahead of his opponent Yusupov. But Yusupov is very solid and he just lost narrowly to Karpov in the last cycle.

Timman and
Korchnoi have been
playing each other
since '79 and Gelfand
and Short have also

met each other many times. The record is fairly balanced. I can't see any 6-0 type finishes like Fischer Vs Larsen or Taimanov in 71.

VASSILY
IVANCHUK: Current
world number two
with a fantastic recent
record. The 22-year
old won the interzonal
in '90, then crushed
Yudasin 4 1/2-1/2 in
the Candidates first
round before winning
Linares '91 ahead of

Viktor Korchnoy: intense will to win



Kasparov, Karpov, Gelfand, Yusapov. Anand and others. A marvellous player to waich "Chukky" is equally passionate about hts poetry which he writes sometimes to the detriment of his chess. He has never won anything after sustaining an early defeat, however; so there must be slight doubts about his temperament.

ARTUR YUSUPOV: The 31-year old "bear" is the most solid of. match players with a defence that has been compared to the "Ural". mountains". A former. world junior champion, candidate finalist in '86 and ' semifinalist in 89, he lost just by a single game to Karpov on the latter occasion. Describing himself as "mediocre" Yusupov succeeded in beating

openings-his ability to surprise and improvise. Anand is so highly rated as an opening theorist that both K-s used his survey of the Spanish Opening during their last title match.

The Indian modestly dismisses this by saying "There was nothing new on that disc. I had just collected some games and given an opinion on them". So it was just his opinion they were interested in with the world title at stake!

Couple his opening ideas with those of his second GM Mikhail Gurevitch who also has a terrific reputation as a theorist and knows Karpov very well. There will be some unpleasant surprises in store for the Russian camp. Anand says "No surprises in a match, well that would really be surprising."

The second point is that Anand is good enough technically to handle most positions confidently. He is a splendid attacker but also good at steady positional games. He can win given any sort of



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edge. He usually finds the best ideas in the position.

Last but not least Anand is FAST.

Repetitive though, it sounds, this is the unique problem that faces Karpov. Good players he has faced aplenty and routinely mastered. He has lost a few games but never before has he conceded to anyone after consuming 140 minutes to his opponent's 55 (for 46 moves).

This is the problem he must address-the factor that will hauni him at Brussels. He has had months to think about it but there is no easy solution. Karpov in

his best friend and second Sergei Dolmatov in the Candidates first round in January. This, despite suffering gunshot wounds last May and spending months in hospital.

BORIS GELFAND: Nuclear physicist, who prefers to play chess. The 23-year old was world number three till July. Now. rated number five. He is a very hardworking GM with a very combative attitude. Great preparation is allied to superb temperament.

Gelfand will need to slug it out toe to toe with Short, but he should hold the edge because of superior opening strategy, He came back against. Nikolic to win the first. round Candidates tie in extra time despite: poor form.

NIGEL SHORT:

Ex-prodigy, now 26, and the great white hope of English chess. Short won his first round tie against compatriot Jonathan Speelman in extra time. Nigel has a knack of winning desperate last round matches. He did it against Gurevitch in the Interzonals. The English world number seven will rely on GMS Nunn and Kavalek to cover up his opening

> **Boris Gelfand: the** hardworking GM



weaknesses.

JAN TIMMAN: The "Flying Dutchman" is 41, but he is the only man who can rely on age to pull him through. The last candidate finalist. meets legend Viktor Korchnoy, Timman is a great theorist with fragile nerves. His wife llse, a psycho analyst is a vital part of his team. If her dream therapy can stop the blunders under pressure that are an occasional feature of Timman's play, he will beat Korchnoy.

VIKTOR KORCHNOY: The 62-year-old Swiss citizen has played in every Candidate cycle since 1962. He was the finalist in '68 and and 74 and the challenger in '78 and 81. His intense will to win and venomous style nearly won him the world title in 78



Jan Timman: the 'flying Dutchman'

when Karpov only beat him 5-6. A deep thinker, he has a tendency to get into time scrambles that Timman must exploit. They know each other very well for Korchnoy was the Dutch champion before he migrated to Switzerland. In '79 they played a training match.



recent years has experienced time pressure against GMs who use most of their allotted 120 minutes for 40 moves. How will he handle Anand who plays thrice as quickly?

Karpov played a secret training match with GM Simen Agdestein (Norway) recently Perhaps that will help. But the basic problem is that at 41 he must somehow think faster or risk a drop in quality. Can the old dog really learn this new trick?

Also to an extent Karpov must play more aggressively than he relishes to finish the match inside the normal eight games. He may



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quite conceivably be able to manage the normal time control, but if it goes into tic-breaker games at 60 moves in 45 minutes Anand would murder him. Just recently in Munich, Anand played a strong all GM meet including Boris Gelfand at an accelerated time control. He scored 14 points out of 15 games (13 wins) a percentage Kasparov would be hard put to equal.

To come back to the Spassky-Karpov match parallel. Spassky in '74

was in the throes of divorce. Karpov in '91 is apparently experiencing severe marital problems. Natasha is no longer to be seen in the audience, giving moral support. If Mike Tyson and Martina Navratilova could be bothered by this sort of thing, a chess-player is all the more likely to be.

GM Dibyendu Barua will be in Brussels during the match. He has an extremely poor reputation as an opening theorist but he has a great deal of ingenuity and a superb grasp of end game theory. Also, oddly enough, for entirely different reasons, he and Gurevich are both experts on Karpov.

Barua really admires
Karpov who is his
favourite player.
Gurevitch detests the
former world champion
and has worked on
Kasparov's analytical
team to ensure that
Karpov never regained
the world title.

Barua hedged his bets when asked about Anand's prospects "Well Karpov is Karpov, but if at all he can be beaten this is the time. He is in poor form, not really recovered from Linares and the last title match. If he had settled down and won the quarters against someone else, Anand would have had no chance later in the cycle".

Anand is cool and realistic as ever "Linares means nothing really. Anyone can win or lose a single game to anyone else. But Karpov is not the man he used to be and I am optimistic. I have my chances".

Yes, indeed! More chances than most people think! ●

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK What If...



... Presidents Bush and Gorbachev became training partners?

SIR RICHARD HADLEE

## O DEATH'S DOOR AND BACK

NLY two things really got to Sir Richard Hadlee, One was Ian Botham, his life-long rival and—as he saw it-potential usurper. The other was a hypodermic needle. A physio would not dream of suggesting an injection unless it was a matter of life or death. It would have taken the New Zealand police force to hold the patient down.

Hadlee's aversion had something to do with fear and something to do with disregard for the mechanics of medicine. He believed that his body was quite capable of looking after itself, thank you very much. So it is almost inconceivable that he should be prostrate in intensive care last month concealed under a Spaghetti Junction of wires and tubes. The man who bowled 3.460.4 overs in Test cricket and became the world's leading wicket-taker had been to death's door and back six months after hanging up his size 11s.

Sir Richard's retirement plans were unhinged in the most awful fashion at Dunedin in February. Sport's newest knight had just taken his seat as a guest cricket commentator when his heart thundered into overdrive. His guise soared from 50 heats a minute to 300 for no

accountable reason. Hadlee was out cold. Fortunately, though, help was speedily at hand and he was on his way to hospital in minutes.

To the batsmen he haunted and the teammates he inspired it was a mystery that someone so young and fit should have heart problems. Even more bewildering when it emerged that Hadlee had carried his disability for every one of his 39 years. He was born with Wolf Parkinson-White Syndrome. In other words his heart-rate could leap into the stratosphere at any moment. "I shudder when I think of all the times I asked him to bowl a couple of overs more." said Clive Rice, his captain for so many years at Trent Bridge.

Hadlee has a congenital abnormality affecting the pathways which conduct the heart's electrical

Sir Richard Hadise shares a joke with Kapil Dev, the man with a good chance of "breating his record



"Richard says he used to feel his heart fluttering sometimes when he was batting. He never mentioned it because he thought it must be adrenalin "-Mrs Hadlee



stimulation. It can surface at any time in a sufferer's life or never at all. In Hadlee's case there had been warning bells as long ago as 1983. He was convinced he had heart trouble but his anxiety coincided with a period of mental turmoil which possibly camouflaged the underlying truth. The first attack came at a featival match including Mike Gatting. The former England captain remembers what happened.

"Hadlee hardly started the match when he suddenly felt ill and had to be helped off the field. It was very strange and nobady could understand it."

in fact Hadice was in a complete clase. His creaght littled table and his hissi was aphining. "I "He loves targets and the heart problem is the biggest one yet. If all goes according to plan Richard should be stronger and fitter than ever. He might even make a come back."

seemed to have lost the will to do anything.
Normally I run a dozen laps at the park but now I couldn't manage one.
The most terrifying thing was going to bed with severe chest pairis certain that I wouldn't see morning. I was preoccupied with the thought of death."

A chance encounter with a motivation expert at the Christchurch Institute of Management historic Halles through

his apparent nervous breakdown. He went on to even greater things- inspiring New Zealand to their first victory against England on English soil: single-handedly destroying their batting at Christchurch and becoming the only cricketer in modern times to achieve the double of a hundred wickets and a thousand rubis in a county season.

Sir Richard and bis

wife, Karen, however, new believe that the chest pains were every bit as real as the pulpitations he thought he was imagining.

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Clive Rice recalls several occasions when his colleague was not merely tired but "thoroughly washed up" after an innings. Indeed Hadlee had to be carried to the dressing-room and revived after steering Nottinghamshire to a cup victory over Lancashire.

Hadlee agonised for many weeks over the question of open-heart surgery It was a complicated operation in which a by-pass machine temporarily took over the functions of his heart and lungs. A tough decision, but one which took itself. The drugs were so powerful that he could seldom complete a full day's work for his employers. the Bank of New Zealand. Neither did the drugs offer him 100% insurance against another attack.

Within two days of the operation Hadiee was off the life support machine and reading a newspaper. He also keeps beside his bed the motivation card he carried around the world in his cricket bag.

"He loves targets and this is the biggest one yet," his wife says. "If all goes according to plan Richard should be stronger and fitter than ever. He might even make a comeback!"

Tony Promise

# Caribbean Hotpot

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UTURE generations will be curious to know what kind of man was Vivian Richards. Earlier books by David Foot and Trevor McDonald gave many clues. but this one, ghosted though it is, and challengingly titled, comes straight and passionately from the heart and is revealing to a degree. His pleasures and angers and confessions burn into the pages like so many of his searing drives and hooks, and there are remarks here which mark him down as a man of broader vision than many hitherto have supposed. I do not think that playing in South Africa automatically makes someone a racist, he writes. By the same token: 'It was perfectly natural for me to identify with the Black Power movement in America and, to a certain extent, with the Rastafarians.' Freedom all round. Fair enough.

He writes of his 'ferocious respect' for Ian Botham, and acknowledges Chandrasekhar as the 'most teasing' bowler he has faced. The Indian 'terrified' him on the occasion of his Test debut. Two years later Richards stamped his image on Test cricket, an impression that was to deepen

with every passing year. The 1975-76 series in Australia left a mark on him, as it did on all West Indians. He and his team-mates were stunned by verbal abuse. The 'furious' Australian fast bowling verged on pure violence'—'extreme savagery'---'sheer hatred'. Clive Lloyd's vision in assembling an even more powerful troupe of fast bowlers for the prosperous years to come is acknowledged with earnest gratitude. Richards is less enthusiastic, however, about the postponement of his appointment as captain, when Lloyd stayed on, and suspected a Board conspiracy.

He admits to 'pretty rampant' arrogance as a teenager, leaving today's spectators to be deceived by that famous looselimbed strut. Many of these pages sizzle with contempt: for the British tabloids, the moron spectators who indulge in racial abuse, the hypocrites who vaunted their own fast bowling but deplored West indies. 'Raciam is rife in cricket circles,' he says.

Richards and Sothern came together again when Bethem played in the first one-day international this supplier

HITTING ACROSS THE LINE by Viv Richards (Published by Headline and costs £14.95)



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Richards' deep sense of belonging at Somerset and sense of outrage at being sacked along with Joel Garner are graphically documented, and to hop to yet another controversy, he gives his side of the notorious Antigua Press-box altercation in 1990. Another is the Rob Batley caught-behind dispute at Bridgetown ('My dance was not intended to induce a bad decision"). the story being spoilt somewhat by the assertion, presumably by the literary collaborator, that Richards himself, rather than Dujon, took the 'catch'.

It is not all conflict and agitation. The World Cup winner's medal in 1975 was, for him, an Olympic gold. He is too modest to trot again through all his devastating knocks; he once, indeed, spoke of his bat slightingly as just a piece of wood. All the dazzling statistics are laid out at the rear of the book.

For him it is all about pride: 'I sense that winning an ultimate contest,' he says, 'is more important for a black person than anyone else. It feels like a vindication—the sense of pride attached to such wins is phenomenal.' It is a recurrent theme. 'When you are black you never really know what is inside another man's heart'. My dear Viv, believe it or not but the same is true when you're white.

David Frith is the editor of Wieden Cricket Monthly

TO THE

## MY ROAD

#### The world gymnastics champion give

WAS born on March 20, 1970 in Changsha, Hunan Province. My family moved to Hengyang when I was just two years old. I have two elder brothers.

My family was very poor when I was young. My father has been paralyzed from before my birth. I didn't have any pocket money, and I could not even afford to buy a popsicle. I suffered from malnutrition during those years. My mother, worried about my

I began to make the headlines in sports pages. I was referred to as the "new star" and "Li Ning the Second" after I won the men's all-around and two individual titles at the 1988 Pacific Alliance of **Gymnastic Federations Championships**  health, contacted several spare-time sports schools in an effort to have me enrolled.

Then one evening, two strangers, a man and a woman, came to our house. After talking to them for a while, my mom called me into the sitting room. I was asked to take off all my clothes. I found myself standing against the wall with arms hanging down at my sides. The strangers examined me, feeling my joints. They told me to meet them again on the following day.

It was in this manner that I became enrolled in the gymnastics class of the Hengyang Spare-Time Sports School. The male stranger was Zhou Xin, whose name I learned later; he became my first coach.

I began to learn gymnastics basics such as stretching knee joints, hanging from bars, doing somersaults and so on. Several years passed without much happening. The only thing I can remember about that time is that I took part in a provincial children's competition and came home empty-handed.

I went to that competition as a reserve with some other members of my class. After one of our team's regulars injured himself during the competition, our coach asked me to replace him in the vaulting event. I used to practise on a makeshift vaulting horse, which actually was a stool, and had never trained on the real thing. It was impossible for me at that time to vault over a "real horse". I was very nervous. But my coach told me not to worry. "All you have to do is to run up and touch the horse," he said to me. So, I did exactly as he said and, to my chagrin, I failed completely.

Despite this failure, I was recommended to enter the

Competitive Sports School attached to the Beijing Physical Culture Institute.

I later met Gao Jian, the national team's coach, during some of the competitions in which I took part while studying and training in Beijing. He seemed very fond of me and made great efforts to have me transferred from the sports school to the national team. He was responsible for me the first year after I donned the national colours, then Huang Yubin took me under his wing.

I have travelled a smooth road since I joined the national team. and now I am a world champion.

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But I didn't see my success the same way as others did. I was soberly aware that the level at the Shenzhen tournament was not very high, and that I had been fortunate to be the last one to take the floor in every event, which is an advantage to a gymnast. Therefore, that victory wasn't something I should really be proud of.

I think I was influenced most by the China Cup International Gymnastics Tournament held later that year. The foreign teams that participated were not very strong, but the level of the Chinese lineup was pretty high. From amongst all the top gymnasts on the Chinese national squad, I emerged with the men's A-A and three other individual titles. I felt ecstatic because my victories

## TO SUCCESS

a personal account of himself



would ensure me a place among the top six in our team. Thus, I would be able to make the team that would represent China at the 25th World Gymnastics Championships scheduled for the following year.

I went with the team to the 25th World Gymnastics
Championships held in Stuttgart,
Germany, in October 1989. It was a difficult and unforgettable tournament.

The retirement of such veterans as Li Ning and Lou Yun had greatly reduced the strength of our team. As a result, there was additional pressure on Li Chunyang, Wang Chongsheng, Fang Min and me to perform well. Things looked even worse after Wang Chongsheng was sidelined with an injury.

There were just three of us left. I told myself that I must try my very best regardless of whether I won or lost. Our strong will and determination worked in our favour. Our novel stunts; Li Chanyang's "One and one-half forward saltos over the bar" in the horizontal bar event, Fang Min's "360° fliffis layout" as his final run in the floor exercise, and my "Double Healy Twirl followed by one and one-half front saltos to an armhang" on the parallel bars and "Mount with back spring" on the vaulting horse-a movement I adopted from the women's vaulting horse event, all surprised the judges and spectators alike.

In the end, our team finished third in the men's division and thus extricated ourselves from the mire of devastating defeat at the Seoul Olympics in 1988. I walked away with a gold and three bronze medals.

As a gymnast, I sometimes fall from the apparatus during competitions. I will never forget the slip I made at the 1989 China Cup.



Li Jing (extreme right) with Soviets igor Korobchinski (left)

I was to blame at that time, for I didn't take it seriously

The incident occurred in Beijing's Capital Stadium while I was casually doing giant swings on the horizontal bar. Then, I suddenly fell down amidst sporadic applause The spectators, whose hands froze in the midst of clapping, were stunned by my slip "How is it that a world champion could fall down so easily?" they probably asked themselves I just stood on the mat confused I could sense what the spectators must have been thinking and was very embarrassed by my own carelessness.

That experience taught me a good lesson As a rule, I now go all out and do my best in every competition I enter.

I didn't feel nervous when I participated in the World Championships and World Cup competitions for the first time because I was relatively unknown and nobody expected much from me. In subsequent competitions, however, I felt the pressure that is associated with being a world title holder. I was very nervous before the Beiting Asiad, yet I managed to

keep my form and retain the A-A title.

and Valentin Moguliin

During my 14 years in gymnastics, I have been influenced most by my coaches. Six of them have come and gone out of my life, with each one bringing me one step further on my road from a six-year-old kid to a world champion. But my present coach, Huang Yubin, has played the most important role in my success. I respect him very much.

Fame has come with the success of my career I was selected into the Best Ten Athletes of China and the Top Ten Athletes of Asia in 1989. Celebrations and social functions are often held in honour of my success. Being a celebrity, however, is quite troublesome. For instance, my presence was required at several social functions that were held in several places on my way home recently. I eventually grew tired of the sameness of the speeches and questions, which invariably boiled down to whether I had a girlfriend or not, or what kind

of a girlfriend I wished to find. As I am still young, I haven't had much time to consider it and even if I had, I wouldn't talk about it in public I found that I often had to make casual remarks to suit the situation. For example, if I was in a hospital, I would answer that I liked medical workers, whereas if I was in a college, I would say that I

respected teachers.

At the age of 20, I think there is still a long road ahead of me. There are a lot of things I would like to do. I don't think I would like working in gymnastics for the rest of my life. So, I need to study and learn more. I am very interested in writing, especially writing novels. I have written a few stories but they are not good enough to be published. I might not be good enough to become a writer.

With the Barcelona Olympics looming ahead and this year's World Championships drawing near, I am now pretty busy with my training and preparations. I feel that I have the potential and strength to win a title at these tournaments. What I am really striving for is the A-A title—the pearl on the gymnastics laurel.

HILE the G7 (are you following vour politics) were holding talks in London, the G6 (back to sport) were holding equally urgent talks in Qatar. The G6 or the Gulf Six-Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE-have postponed next year's Gulf Cup, the prestigious Arab footballing contest.

There is just one reason: Saddam Hussein!

The iraqi leader pinched the trophy during his army's occupation of Kuwait (the cup holders). The trophy on the other hand is not the only piece of silverware looted from Kuwait



#### THE CUP RUNNETH OVER

Will Saddam return it?

but it is surely one that Saddam is intent on keeping. Pressure for its return is treing applied as usual. through the proper diplomatic . channels sorry no Scude or Patriote, but football bodies-se that the tournament can go ahead. The tournament. however, has lost its spectator value with favourities Irac pulling out (obviously) and so have the Saudis, protesting that the Kuwaiti's mascot evoked memories of

an unsavoury incident in Saudi-Kuwait relations. The tournament will begin the organisers promised, as soon as these routine problems are over.

ANTASTIC facts! Paul Gascoigne himelf turned out for the Victoria President's XV' against the English rugby team during the latter's less than triumphant tour of Australia and Fili.

This Gazza is aged around 33, a Maori and he plays for the Fyian Club Moorabin. He certainly doesn't behave like his namesake though.

#### GAZZA WHO?

A rugby joke

Another bit of news: there is a suburb in Melbourne called Tottenham. This Gazza doesn't live there, but does it matter?

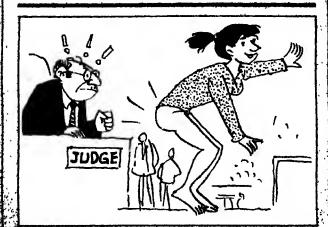
ONE are the . days when gymnasts used to flaunt their skills and...their buttocks in skimpy costumes. Times are hard. In the recently concluded World Student Games at Sheffield, the judges came down harshly on female gymnasts wearing skimpy costumes and showing too much Tesh Judges enforced strict rules and began deducting points for too many dimoses of one might if rhythruic strocks

Twelve gymnasts

were docked 0.2 points each during the roop and hoop routines but among all of them only one, namely Raewyn Jack,

#### OOPS UP!

Points down



of New Zealand found a solution to this problem. Jack donned larger leotards and glued it to her thighs to stop it. from riding up during her exercise.

"What upset us was that Raewyn always competes in the same style leotards and has never been deducted points before," said her coach Patria Hume. "Most of the leotards are Japanese but the girls have different body shapes and some gymnasts don't have backsides that slip out," she ranted,

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#### TELEVISION

●Live telecast of all matches of Pre-Olympic, Group-B Football tournament, August 4 to 13

#### RADIO

 Running commentary in both Hindi and English of India s matches in Pre-Olympic Football tournament on August 4 7 10 and 13 from 5pm onwards

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Daily sports roundup in Hindi (Monday Wednesday Friday and Sunday) and English (Tuesday Thursday and Saturday) for 15 minutes from 7 45 pm to 8 00 pm on national channel of AIR 16 metres 1566 KHZ and 246 9 metres and 1215 kH.

#### FITNESS

### QUESTION TIME

take some time off to answer queries coming in from readers. You guys have been writing in so regularly that keeping up is getting to be a serious challenge Hey, but don't bother stopping. We love getting mail from you: just be a little patient when it comes togetting them answered, that's all.

The first letter we're dealing with this week is from Debjyoti Chanda of Dibrugarh Aserious fitness buff, he's into karate in a big way too. And wants to know if there's any way he can reduce the fat content in his body Something that's quite a common problemsince Dibyendu Datta has also written in from Puri about it

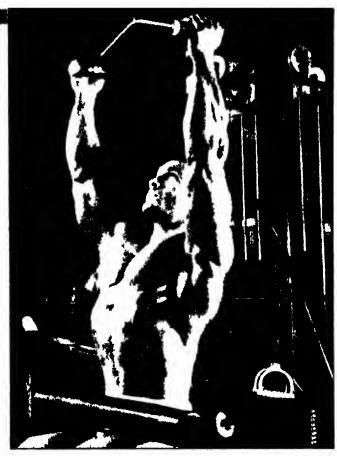
Sure thing, Debjyoti. Judging from your diet (as detailed by you), you're not doing too much to help your body shed fat. You should consider adding some fruit to your diet, and a little less red meat. And while you're about it, don't get too hassled about the exact number of calories you're consuming. If you stick to the simple rule of burning off more than you put in, you'll

find your body fat disappearing.

Here's another person with a bodyfat problem, and he's Sabyasachi Kar of Sambalpur Stillin his teens, Sabyasachi does his share of working out every day, but confesses a weakness for oily foods. Combine an asthma problem with that, and you've got some heavyduty body sculpting to do.

Well, Sabyasachi, what we told Debjyoti earlier should also apply to you. You can eat all the oily food you want, but if you work out hard enough and burn off more calories than what you put into your body, you'll look trim. So if you feel you aren't exactly overdoing the eating bit, maybe you aren't working out hard





enough Whateverthe reason, you've got to reorganise your physical regimen from now on. Cut down on the calorie intake hey, only for a little while and step up the cardiovascular exeition. That way you'll start dipping into the body's fat reserves to keep going. And once you've burnt off enough fat, you can ease off on the diet control.

Letter No. 3 is from Kaushik Raj of Bihar and he's a 17-year-old who's keen on increasing the size of his chest. Since you're not into weight training, we'll give you some freehand chest exercises to start off with, Kaushik.

Try doing pushups with your palms placed very close together on the

floor That will work your chest muscles and make them grow Then try doing pullups (from an overhead bar) while gripping the bar with your palms close together again. And while you're about it, how about checking out if you're standing right? Suck that stomach in, push the chest out and strut. Your physique wall immediately look a whole lot better.

Nowfor Ajit from Delhi—and his queries. Already into fitness in a fair measure, he's keen on widening his lats, shaping his glutes and building his hams. For those uninitiates of bodybuilding, that means his upper back, his hips and buttocks, and his muscles on the back of



Pulldowns on the fixed weight machine are great for the lats

the thighs.

Since you've asked for exercises with free weights, Ajit, here goes For the lats, apart from bank-over rows (which you already do) the range of exercises are pretty limited when it comes to a barbell but if you can get access to a weight machine, try the overhead pull station to get even wider lats. For glutes, there's nothing like correctly performed squats. Put the barbell across your shoulders and slowly bend your knees till your thighs are parallel to the floor and return to the upright position. And for the hamstrings,

try strapping some weights onto your feet or ankle, lie flat on your stomach and slowly curl your legs up—one at a time—till the sole of the foot is facing the ceiling. Then lower it back to the floor.

Try these out, Ajit, and get back to us on the progress you've made. Then we'll give you some more.

So c'mon, all you guys and girls out there, let's give our body the care it deserves. Not only will you feel better, you'll perform much better at your chosen sport and career. Of course, if you look better too, who's complaining?

Readers are welcome to send in their fitness-related queries to the Fitness Column. All problems will be answered to the best of our abilities.

### AUSSIE HURRAH!

HEY gathered in sharp evening sunlight around Royal Birkdale's carbuncle of a clubhouse to welcome lan Baker-Finch, the Australian with the smile and surname of a country curate.

Peachester, a scrubland settlement 60 miles from Brisbane that is little more than a petrol pump, a post office and a piggery, had produced a British Open champion.

Baker-Finch, who as a boy cleared manure and bare bush to help his father create a golf course they christened Beerwah, was suitably moved. He fought an honorable draw with the tears welling in his eyes and spoke to the crowds about what he had achieved.

"The Open Championship is the most special event in my life," he said when he had taken possession of the famous old claret jug. "Just to play in it is great. To do well in it is fantastic. To win it is a dream.

"I am in dreamland. I am sure every winner of a major championship thinks it is going to be the first of many. But now I've got my hands on this jug, I don't care about anything else."

It was the moment the self-confessed "kid with stars in his eyes", who wanted to cry with shame when he collapsed under the strain of leading the 1984 Open, proved to himself and the watching world that he had grown

"This was the one," he said when he had begun to relax, removing the wire-rimmed glasses he uses to detect the subtleties of greens trapped in shadow. "The big one."

"Why am I crying? I knew what i had to do and I did it. I guess I have proved myself a champion. I've had a lot of chances but not made the most of them. That gave me strength and makes this even more special."

The task facing him and the collection of unlikely names clustered together on the overnight leaderboard like a gang of cheeky school-children had been outlined by Severiano Ballesteros 24 hours earlier.

"They are afraid of the trophy more than me," the Spaniard had said, relishing the advantage he supposed his experience would provide. It was not a boast but a pointed reminder of the gulf that exists between winners and major champions.

"I know I need to be tougher,"
Baker-Finch had reasoned, having taken the precaution of not reading newspapers which carried
Ballesteros's insidious propaganda. "It is something I am working on but you can't just go out there on the last day and suddenly be a different person."

Similarly, the roar which greeted Ballesteros on the first tee, which grew in strength like an Atlantic roller, died with his opening drive. That shot finished closer to the motorhomes on the edge of the course than to the galleries he had expected to provide an emotional backcloth to his fourth Open Championship.

The much-anticipated charge never materialised and, when his putt for a birdie expired on the lip of the fifth hole, he stroked his chin and looked longingly at a greenside scoreboard charting Baker-Finch's seizure of the moment.

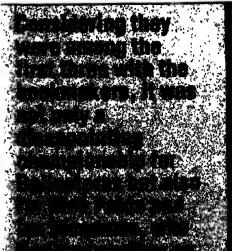
The Australian sensed the wisdom of having taken refuge in domesticity on that Saturday night. A home-cooked meal and a rented film from the video shop beside the local fish and chip emporium prepared him for eight hours' solid sleep.

He spent the last morning playing in the garden with daughter Hayley, who had earlier endeared herself to a nationwide television audience by licking a BBC microphone she had evidently mistaken for an exotic ice cream.

Two separate 90-minute sessions with an American sports psychologist were the foundation of his mental approach, which, inevitably, centred on a reappraisal of his Open disappointments in 1984 and 1989.

"You start feeling a lot of emotions out there," Baker-Finch rationalised. "But just because you fail, it doesn't make you a failure."





ian Baker-Finch celebrates with his wife Jennie and their daughter Hayley,2, after winning the 120th Open at the Royal Birkdale

He certainly didn't appear to be weighed down by inadequacy, real or imagined. Striding down the fairways, clad in shocking pink, he listened intently to Pete Bender, the caddie he describes as "the best in the world".

Bender, who had carried Greg Norman's bag when he won at Turnberry in 1986, spoke quietly, but urgently. "Take your time," he ordered. "Swing good and slow." The Australian, serenity personified, obeyed to the letter. He refused to allow himself to be ruffled by the locust whirr of the motordriven cameras that recorded the greatest four hours of his life.

When he and playing partner Mark O'Meara were held up by the constricted nature of championship play, he simply sat on his golf bag, like an unconcerned amateur in the monthly medal.

When the time came, his status as the US Tour's most accurate driver—he hits 78 per cent of fairways—was fully justified.

The more immediate statistics he was producing were the stuff of fantasy. Out in 29 strokes, he had to "keep pinching myself to prove it was all happening." Crucially, he responded when reality gave him a backhanded swipe by leaving his drive at the 10th in a bunker.

Norman made his customary last round advance but remained a peripheral figure on an afternoon when Australian players fed on a collective ambition, first fuelled by Peter Thomson. The system, which also produced Mike Harwood. Wayne Grady and Craig Parry, was excelling.

"We have a lot to thank Greg for,"
Baker-Finch suggested. "We were
all from simple beginnings. We
played wherever we could,
whenever we could. We started
with nothing and we made it.

"It's a nice feeling. When you see one person do well, you think 'if he can do it, so can I'. You feed off each other's success."

Grady was waiting by the last green with a chilled bottle of champagne. But ilrst his compatriot had to endure the bitter-sweet ordeal of fighting his way through a throng that could not be controlled by white-shirted legions of policemen.

He was hit on the head, back and shoulders and complained. "I didn't have time to smell the roses, you know? That's the one bad thing about today." That blemish will subside into the pool of self-satisfaction he will never quite empty. The boys at Beerwah had better get the beers in.

Courtesy The Daily Telegraph

AN BAKER-FINCH, who had twice caught a whiff of what it might be like to win the Open Championship, tasted all its fruits at Royal Birkdale when he made no mistake to beat his fellow-Australian, Mike Harwood, by two strokes.

Baker Finch. 30, is the fourth Australian to take golf's oldest and most treasured prize and he did so on the same course where the best of them all, Peter Thomson, took his fifth and last title in 1965.

Thomson's prize money was then £1,500 whereas Baker-Finch, whose height and striking good looks might almost be worth an audition for some Hollywood movie, collects £90,000. It is not the money, though, that Baker-Finch will hold dear but the famous clareting

As one of the game's true gentlemen, Baker-Finch's victory will be as widely welcomed as it was also in the end thoroughly deserved. For in this final round he did something that no other champion has ever done and that was to go out in 29

Indeed, he had a chance at the end to equal the 65s with which Tom Watson won at Turnberry and Severiano Ballesteros at Royal Lytham two years ago

It was not, however, to be for Baker-Finch made one of only two poor swings off the 18th tee. It left him in the long rough on the left, he could not get home in two and after that he could not get down in two more either. It was just a touch anti-climatic

Even so the Australian, who in last year's Masters took to wearing glasses on the golf course, expressed himself as feeling "on top of the world. This is a dream," he said

Once a regular on the European Tour, he has since turned to the United States where in 1990 he won the Colonial. This year he has twice been second, in the Heritage and New England Classic, where he lost in a play-off.

"I found it hard to visualise winning out there," he said, "but that made me try all the harder, especially after that great start. I knew I would be killed if I lost after that.'

In the seven Open Championships to have been held at Royal Birkdale there has still to be a European winner

Two Americans, Fred Couples, who had a wonderful last round of 64, and Mark O'Meara (69) tied for third place while only Eamonn Darcy, of Ireland, who was equal fifth, and Ballesteros managed to finish in the top 10.

Before hand, Ballesteros, two strokes, behind, had tempted fate by suggesting that he thought those ahead of him lacked the necessary experience. He was wrong.

While Ballesteros was again revealing a recent last-round fallability with two bogeys in his first three holes, Baker-Finch was drawing on the experience he had gained at St Andrews in 1984 and again last year.

Again he was in the last pair and the 79 he took when playing with Tom Watson seven years ago, as Ballesteros took the title, left a pain that was to be with him for years.

Twelve months ago he was also at Nick Faldo's side in the last pair and while his chances of winning were remote since he was five behind, he learned from watching how Faldo focused himself totally on the task he had to do.

That is precisely what
Baker-Finch did and even when
he made five birdies in his first
seven holes, he noticed that
Couples was also on a charge
and feared that, with two par
fives to come, the American
might have a 62 or even a 61.

It never happened, for Couples dried up over those last six holes and if anything it was the persistent Harwood, who with a 67, kept Baker-Finch on his toes.





Baker-Finch's first mistake was at the 10th where he drove rather loosely into a bunker on the right but there was not another until the last and that spoke volumes for someone who many once felt seldom 'punched his weight'.

Once Baker-Finch was considered a short hitter for his size. By turning to David Leadbetter and then Mitchel Spearman, all that has changed as have his golf clubs with metal woods and graphite shafts. There

#### FINAL ROUND



is no lack of length now.

It was fortunate for him that he was partnered by his good friend and Florida neighbour, O'Meara, for their rhythm's are, Baker-Finch thinks, much the same. Something of one therefoe helped to rub off on the other.

If Saturday had been the casiest day of the three, the previous day was even better, the wind now nothing more than a gentle breeze as 43,049 pairs of feet took every vantage

lan Baker-Finch

point they could.

It brought the attendance for the week to 189,435, more than 48,000 than had been here in 1983 but nearly 20,000 short of the record set at St Andrews 12 months ago. The home of golf, however, is always regarded as the venue that "sets the pace".

Immediately it was evident of how easily the course was now playing, whole clusters of players coming in with scores in the sixtles including a 67 from the man who won here in 1971, Lee Trevino.

For all the patchwork look of the greens and the dark things that have been said about the unpredictability of the putting surfaces, putts were now going in

Nevertheless, the greens have not looked good and not for the first time one wonders whether the Royal & Ancient, afraid of what they call "losing the greens" in hot sun and a dry wind, do not leave the mowers too high for too long.

Still, there were no complaints from Jodie Mudd, whose 63 equalled the championship record as well as setting a one for Royal Birkdale. Having finished fifth at Royal Troon in 1989 and fourth last year, he is beginning to think that a seaside link suits him.

Considering they were among the first three with the bookmakers, it was not only a disappointing championship for Ballesteros but also for Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam, who tied one another on 281, one over par

Faido flickered back to the sort of life he had shown in the first day with another 68 but in between he was a much sorrier figure, in the midst of a spell when putting becomes another and totally infuriating game,

Woosnam was slightly steadier but without inspiration and one wonders how wise it was of him to commute by his private plane from his Oswestry home. It may sound al very nice but for six or seven days it must still get a little tiresome.

One British player, though, was certainly over the moon and that was Jim Payne, the British Youths champion, who took the silver medal as leading amateur with a final round of 70, four strokes ahead of the American Phil Mickelson.

He also played with, and beat, Jack Nicklaus and that has to be the day of his life, just as it was, too, for Ian Baker-Finch.

Michael Williams

## READERS'

#### **QUESTIONS**

. Who once when asked how good Steffi Graf was. remarked, "There are a hundred like her back in the States.'

2. Which tennis star took out a £6.5 million insurance policy against being kidnapped?

3. What is the full name of Steffi Graf?

4. What is a 'shut out in tennis? 5. Who is the oldest living Wimbledon singles champion?

6. What is the name of Mats Wilander's rock group?

7. Which Japanese sporting goods manufacturer sponsors Ivan Lendl's clothing?

8. Who did Leander Paes

#### **ANSWERS**

- 1. Tracy Austin 2. Boris Becker
- 3. Stefanle Maria Graf
- 4. To win a match without dropping a single game
- 5. Jean Borotra
- 6, Wilander 7. Mizuno
- 8. Marcus Ondruska
- 9. Skiing
- 10. Car racing 11. Boris Becker
- 12. Winning a set with the opponent not being able to
- win a single point 13. Cilly Ausem in 1931
- 14. Fire Ice and Dynamite
- 15. John McEnroe

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All answers sent in by the contributor

defeat to win the Wimbledon Junior singles title?

Chris Evert's husband Andy Mills is also a sportsman. Which sport?

What is U. Rene Lacoste's favourite sport?

Who said this: "If (Yannick) Noah were white and had short hair. he would be world No. 50.'

What is a • 'Golden Set' in tennis?

Who was **J.** the first German woman to win the Wimbledon title?

Name the **T** • movie in which Steffi Graf acted and injured herself during the shooting'

Who said • that the ATP had created the Code of Conduct for him?

#### THE FIVE STAR PHYSICAL PROGRAMME

### CULTURE VULTURE

ARENTS who have children studying in schools in Bihar's 'Steel City' of Jamshedpur nowadays face a unique problem. Suddenly it seems the kids have fallen in love with the idea of going to school.

There is no longer have a forlorn expression on their faces but they are bubbling with enthusiasm when they trot in to school.

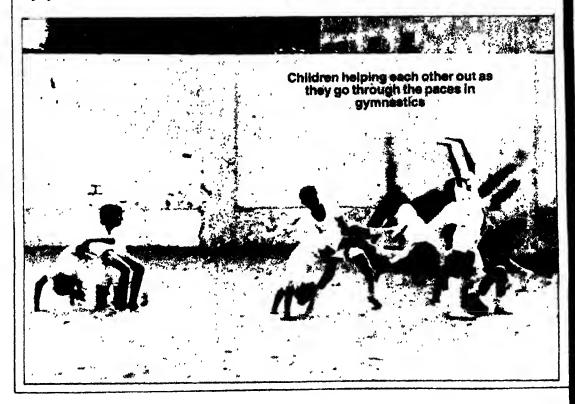
So what's special about these schools? Simple. Most of the educational institutions in Jamshedpur have adopted a physical education/fitness programme

run on the lines of the 5 Star Programme of the British Amateur Athletics Association that began in Britain in the '50's. A programme that has created a physical culture in European countries and has provided many a champion.

In European countries children's progress in sport is monitored from the age of 7. In our country 'talent' is discovered at the earliest at the age of 15. Motor coordination in children reaches its zenith by the age of 9. After this age very little can be done to improve the moulded body or the anaerobic capacity of a child.

Bringing this programme to India and

Now being
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then modifying it to suit high in cludden is being tried out in Jamishedpur The children in then games classes no longer run around aimlessly kicking a brill or catching one another. They we taught the hundamentals of litness masy stematic manner.

In the initial stages (when they are about 6.9 years old) they are taught the basics of acrobics and gynmastics for which the schools do not have to invest much. Acouple of matticsses, some iron bars and you are set. It is indeed a riveting seem to see the enthusiastic kids go through head rolls, hand stands, some isaults, back flips and horse vaulting. The children give it all they we got

In the second stage (this begins in the teens) the students are made to compete against each other in disciplines like circuit training cross country running decathlor high jumps long jumps etc. It is at this stage that the students are marked off in the 5 Star ratings. Alter each activity the students are rated according.

to their performances. This breeds a healthy sense of competition among the students because each one wants to outshine the other. This also brings out the best in the children. According to the ratings if a child wins the 5 Star then he has potential to become an international athlete.

After completing the 5 Star programme the students and the teachers have an idea about the sport the boy/girl should compete in and should then be given specialised training under experienced coaches.

It is here that the programme runs into difficulties. Fill this stage the schools can lund the students but talk about specialisation and the whole programme runs into rough waters. And it is here that the various sports bodies can do their part

The programme started in India thanks to a former international athlete V.S. Ramabhadran, the national high jump champion from 76 to 79

While preparing for the Tokyo Asian



Games he was seriously injured and it was then that he came out with this programme. His dream is to cultivate a physical culture in India where sports and games are not looked down upon but is considered an integral part of life. A firm believer that india can also produce world champions if given the proper guidance he has started in a small way in Jamshedpur, where he is employed with Tata Steel. Initially people were sceptical about it but the programme soon gained popularity and now almost all the schools and some of the clubs follow the programme. With active help coming from Tata Steel in the form of equipment and funds, it is a hit among the town dwellers. It has been appreciated so much that word soon got around and the Sports Authority of India asked him to prepare a comprehensive plan for the talent that is being trained there. Even Frank Dick the director of coaches of the Amateur Athletic Association of Britain was mighty impressed with the implementation of the

programme and has given Ramabhadran the right to conduct the British programme in India.

Apart from Jamshedpur this scheme has only been tried out in the Vaikom district of Kerala from where Ramabhadran hails. His dream is to spread this culture all over the country and if the response in Jamshedpur is any standard to go by, it will surely catch on.

Mr P.K. Baneriee who is the director of the Tata Football Academy while commenting on the standard of soccer in the country and why India does not have a standard in international sport said that it was a reflection of Indian society where little or no importance is given to physical culture. Which is precisely what the five siar programme aims to cure. If this programme takes off then before long we could well be, if not on one way to sporting success, then surely heading towards a healthier society.

K.O. Jacob, Jamshedpur

#### **REBEL WITH A CAUSE**

OLITICS and sport is a lethal cocktail and our neighbours across the border, in Pakistan, seem to be finding the heady brew quite intoxicating.

To be precise 22-year-old world squash champion, Jansher Khan, has is a thorny game, but the dividends are as good as winning world acclaim in squash".

Ills decision shocked the sports world. "It's too early for Jansher" stated one local newspaper while another noted that most sportsmen joined politics after they retired from the sport. But whatever they say, squash Is still his first love.



Jansher Khan is drunk with political power

broken all norms by joining the Pakistan Muslim League, the country's oldest political party. The world No. I in his first press conference called for the Punjab government to build world-class squash courts in Lahore and other cities.

Jansher told reporters that his priority was to serve the people. The Chief Minister of Punjab province, Ghulam Hyder Wyne, in turn told the world No. 1 that "politics It looks like the rebel of squash has finally lound a cause, so what if it is political.

#### **ROAD RACE**

WITH barely a year to go before the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, there is much consternation in Spain over the lack of preparation. Stadia are incomplete, the lack of progress on public works in Barcelona is causing concern, and two vital roads (being built to

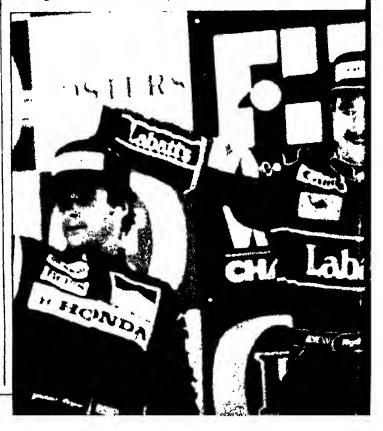
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deal with the Catalan city's heavy traffic) are not scheduled to be finished until just before the Games begin. Yet somehow, local officials are managing to put on a brave face.

The chief organiser said, "I would rather have problems now and

improve the situation rather than have it during the Games".

If this is bad news, then there's worse news for any sea-sick tourists. Since there is a shortage of living space, only rooms available are on ships specially requsitioned for that pur-



pose who will be stationed at the city's harbour.

Still keen to go for the Olympics?

#### CARECA MISSING IN ACTION

7HERE is Careca? The Napoli colleague of Diego Maradona has gone missing in Brazil and his club wants to find him. The striker from Sao Paulo has scored arr amazing 57 goals in the Italian league since he jotned Napolt in 1987 but he had not turned up for pre-season training with the team and had not communicated with them.

Reports in Italy say that he has gone under-ground because he cannot consider playing for Napoli without Maradona.

Mansell hopes to repeat his performance in South Africa

Other reports say that he is simply fed up with soccer in Naples. Careca was supposed to have turned up for training camp in the mountains of Northern Italy, and now faces a severe line and even a ban.

#### THE MASCOT WARS

NO SELF respecting sports event is now staged without a mascot—usually a cute creature that can be converted to a cuddly toy.

But beneath the soft image is a hard headed business sense—the mascot earns its keep in reproduction fees on everything from sweet wrappers to soft drink cans.

And at the top of the mascot crop is Cobi of the Barcelona Olympics. So keen are the organisers to make Cobi everyone's favourite that they have pictures of him performing every conceivable sport—even behind the scene activities like



press reporting. The organisers obviously have realised that since they are slipping up, they might as well get into the good books of the press because according to one organiser, "The press has got to be kept happy because their articles form the opinion of the people."

Someone has got their priorities right!

#### MANSELL GOING TO SOUTH AFRICA

THE story goes like this, Nigel Mansell has his bags already packed to go to South Africa even though his trip might not materialse till next year. But why South Africa you might ask. The reason is that he was the last Formula One driver to win the Grand Prix at Johannesburg.

In fact motor racing

#### Wanted Careca, dead or alive!

was the last sport in operation in South Africa before the boycott and, if Bernnie Ecclestone. head of the Formula One Constructors' Association, has hts way, it will be the first sport to return to 1992. The South Airican Grand Prix was dropped from the championship calendar in '86 but Officials of the Kyalami circuit were at Silverstone to discuss the issue.

Ecclestone added, that if approved for 1992, it would be added to the calendar, perhaps as like second or fourth race "cither before or after Brazil." Now you know why Mansell's bags are packed.....because he thinks it's a good omen whining the Silverstone Grand Prix in front of the South African offictals.



**ENJAMIN** FRANKLIN once referred to a phenomenon he called whirlwinds in his bowels.' And no one who eats and breathes is immune front this phenomenon. Women despite polite protestations pass gas just as men do. Only in the first few years of a relationship will they give you excuses like 'I'll check on the dinner' or 'I'll just be a minute'. It has been estimated that on an average people pass gas approximately 14 times a day. This amounts to about a litre of gas being let off into the atmosphere by each person a day.

Despite the fact that we expel gas from both ends of our digestive tracts, not many of us understand its causes and therefore can do of gases like nitrogen.
hydrogen, oxygen,
carbon-di-oxide and tiny
amounts of methane.
Flatus—as this mixture is
called—is actually not the
reason for the distinctive
and noxious odour of the
gases passed, in fact the
smell is the result of
certain sulphar
substances in the flatus.

The question that comes up at this point is where do all these gases come from?

Obviously a good deal of these gases are the result of the digestive processes. From experience it is a common observation that beans in the diet make us generate more than the usual amount of intestinal gas. And what is even more surprising is the fact that a good deal of these gases

are the result of swallowing air. Every time we take a mouthful of food or gulp down some liquid we are taking in gases as well. And some people take in more air than others:

The reason as to why some people have a reputation of passing

gas too often.

We Indians are used to having spicy food and these foodstuffs have a

precious little to stop the act. And hence we are at times, put into very embarrassing positions when all the eyes in the room are on us and the people around have a knowing smile on their faces.

These whirlwinds in the bowels are composed





iot to do with producing gases. Spices put the intestines into overdrive and as a result there are a lot of gases that are produced, that have to be let out from the system Let's take a look at some of the worse offenders in flatulence:

Fruits: Apples, bananas, citrus fruits, grapes, and pears are among some of the fruits that can cause gases

Vegetables Beans (there's no doubt about that), cucumbers and pickles, garlic, onions, potatoes, tomatoes and cabbage are the better known of the gas producing veggies Now it is not necessary that the moment you see these foods on your plate you get paranoid It depends on how your stomach takes on these foods

Grains and grain products. Bread, rice and wheat are the primary culprits in the formation of gases

Carbonated beverages. Beer



These drinks bring tiny bubbles into the digestive system, from where they have to take the back door out

Another reason for the creation of gases could be lactose intolerance, that is the body's incapability to digest milk or products made trom milk

But let's say that you are an average guy who breaks wind about a dozen times a day You are not experiencing any severe bloating or stomach pains

when you have more of these foods then dietary changes are in order. And if you find that lactose (milk) products do not agree with you then leave these out from your diet Some researchers of the topic have even suggested jogging or walking to get the gases flowing in the right direction. And eating slowly, also plays a good role in cutting down on breaking

In fact
you are not that

and soft drinks are the primary sources of gases. As it is we take in gases when we eat or drink anything but imagine the havoc created when you put into your system, drinks that have a high content of air (fizz) in the drinks In fact
you are not that
concerned about your
health but you just want
to stop cutting the
cheese a bit too often.
What do you do about it?

The first thing to do is examine your diet. If you are heavily into spices and a couple of beers a day and the flatulence rates increase wind

And avoid guzzling down chilled beer especially straight from the bottle Even if you are into soit drinks pour the contents into a glass and let some of the fizz escape That way, at least you put in a little less gas into the system.

And remember While there's definitely a place and a time for everything, there's nothing wrong with passing gases. Even nice girls do it!



Get one person to climb onto your back leg

Stand in kokutsudachi

Get one person to climb onto your front leg

ONTINUING with the advanced stance strengthening techniques, this week we are dealing with kokutsu-dachi. Go into the stance first, making sure you are very secure and firmly balanced.

Then, ask one person to climb onto the front leg. Once you have been able to bear that weight

comfortably, get him to climb onto the back leg while you remain in the stance.

Once again, remember not to try this if you are not perfect with the stance, otherwise you could end up injuring your tendons and ligaments.

By Shivaji Ganguly Kyokushinkalkan karate

# Not Aesthetic

HE tennis of today has been labelled 'power tennis.' Gone are the days of aesthetle and artistic tennis. Wimbledon 1991 was a classic example of the same. It could actually be called a slinging match with powerful graphite rackets. And power tennis is certainly not a spectators' delight anymore. There is no innovation. no skills, no subtlety with the racket that are tested. The powerful player wins: reminds one of the laws of the jungle. It is very rare to come across a Nastase. Connors, Borg, Gernlaitis or McEnroe on the courts. These players were a treat to watch.

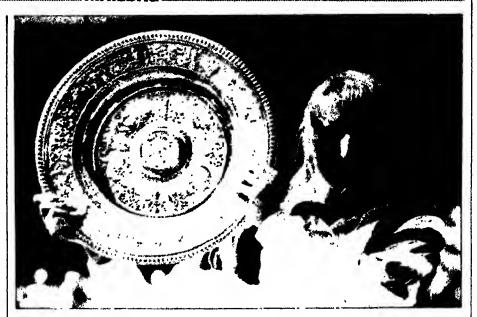
In their places are the Beckers, Edbergs and the Stiches. They play but do not entertain. The lust for money and the excess of tournaments are certainly taking their toll on the consistency of the players. The players of this era of tennis certainly cannot last as long as say a Connors or a Navratilova. They come and they go but very seldom leave a lasting impression on the minds of the spectators.

How one wishes for the time when tennis was an artistic game that enthralled the spectators and left them wanting more.

D.J MOHIA Bombay

### Congratulations

ONGRATS to Stelli Gral for winning her third Wimbledon crown, proving that she still has a lot of fire in her and that she is still far from finished. The lans of Steffi and the tennis fraternity had taken it for granted that she did not have the mettle to succeed. But with this win she has shown that she has put the worst behind her and is worthy of the mantle of the queen. We hope that in the forthcoming U.S. Open she can give us more of the Steffi magic that we have missed for quite some time now. PRABAL GUHA, Dibrugarh.



Steffi Graf: Good times are here again

### Sensational

THE Wimbledon Special Issues of Sportsworld were really of a high quality. In fact, right from the curtain raiser to the linal issue of Wimbledon, they were all collecters items. All the issues had the immistakable touch of Rohit Brijnath and as usual he did a wonderful job. What differentiates Sportsworld from the other magazines is that it gives us insights into the game and does not concentrate on individual matches.

Do keep up the good job. C.R. NAGENDRA, Bangalore.

### C'mon Andre!

BEFORE the French Open, Jim Courier and Michael Stich were virtually unheard, of players. But after winning the French Open and Wimbledon they have become household names. Only Andre Agassi did not live up to expectations. He was given a lot of hype and it was only in Wimbledon that he showed us some good tennis. This guy certainly has the potential but at times he gets a bit too carried away with the hype. Let's hope that he takes his tennis a bit more seriously.

RAVI PRASAD. Mangalore.

### **Deadly Germans**

THE German duo of Steffi Graf and Michael Stich really played some inspired, superlative tennis in the Wimbledon finals. The Wimbledon victory must surely have come as a shot in the arm for Steffi and now she must have regained some of her old confidence and here's hoping that this new found confidence takes her game to greater heights.

After the Wimbledon loss Becker must be in the position that Steffi, was in, last year. Though he went into the match as the favourite, at the end, it was a disappointed, crushed Becker that one saw. Here's hoping that he gets over the bad patch and can enthrall his lans once agair.

SUNETRA BANERJEE, Calcutta.

ATS off to Michael Stich for his superb performance in Wimbledon 1991. The way he accounted for Jim Courier, Stefan Edberg and finally Boris Becker speaks volumes of his tenacity and big match temperament. His big serve and volley game was really a treat to the eyes. Here's hoping that we get to see more of him in the finals of other Grand Slam tournaments and that he does not go the way Pete Sampras and Michael Chang have. BIJAN BANDYOPADHYAY. Calcutta.

### ROUNDUP

### CALCUTTA

### Merchants' Cup Golf

TISCO 'A' emerged the best to the Merchants' Cop golf championship which was held at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club course. Last year's champtons, Tatas were the hosts this time and will again have to host the championships the next time around.

Tisco 'A' were the winners of the Merchants Cup Golf tournament

of Tata Tea 'B' brought in the best nett score of 64 in division one, while McLcod Russel's U. Pradhan in division two and P.C. Goenka of Assam Carbon in division three carded the best nett scores of 64 and 60, respectively.

Soumitra Bose

### CAB Summer Cricket

A RYAN and Vijay Sports won the under-19 and under-15 titles, respectively in the Cricket Association of Bengal organised summer cricket tournament at the



Fourty nine mcrcanttle firms entered ucarly 352 golfers (men and women) in the four-day tournament. Unlike most Mcrchant Cup tournaments, the golf meet had some of the best in the country participating. Ashok Malik of Shaw Wallace, Lakshman Singh of Magors, Uttam Singh Mundy of Taias, Subhankar Sen of Bharat Petroleum and Vandana Agarwal of Otl India were in action.

Ttsco 'A' rode Mundy's fine performance on the last day of the champtonship to win the tournament once again. The wooden spoon went to Cttibank.

The best gross prize went to Bunny Lakshman who fetched a superb gross of 72. S.S. Malhotra Eden Gardens.

The tournament, devised for the city's various coaching units, was quite a success as quite a few unknown juniors made their mark during the meet.

In the under-19 section, Aryan crossed swords with Shtbpur Institute in the title round. While Aryan had accounted for Tollygunge Agragamt by 96 runs, Shibpur defeated Kumartuli quite eastly in the semi-final matches.

While there is not much to write about in the Shibpur-Kumartuli semt-final, the Aryan versus Tollygunge match was highlighted by Samrat Tiwart's 112 for Aryan. Tiwart's good batting was supplemented by some fine bowling by Anupam Giri (three for 23), Manna Dey (2/11) and Mohammad Shafique (2/16).

If there could have been a Man of the Match award for the final, it would have certainly gone to NilashIsh Ghosh of Aryan. Ghosh played a key role in Aryan clinching the title by hitting 61 out of his team's score of 195 for nine off the stipulated 30 overs. Ghosh then went on to claim three wickets for 35 runs as Shibpur managed 166 for eight at the end of 30 overs. For Shibpur, Sonvik Mukherjee hit his second consecutive 50 and Sandip Mitra scored 62. A. Banerjee took four Aryan wickets for 33 runs.

The under-15 competition threw up a promised bowler in Ram Swaminathan. Swaminathan struck consistently as Vijay Sports entered the final beating Sri Gurudas to the semi-final and then overcome United Club by 49 runs to elineh the title. In two matches, Swamanithan bagged seven wickets giving away 44 runs.

Debraj Dasgupta's 51 was the cornerstone of Vijay Sports' 155 off the 30 overs in the title round. C. Roy did well with the ball for United Club taking three wickets for 27 runs. But Roy's good work came to nought when Swaminathan led Vijay Sports' fightback. Swaminathan took four for 13 as United Club were bundled out for 106 in the 24th over.

Soumitra Bose

### Sub-Junior District Football

NORTH 24 Parganas won the sub-juntor inter-district football championship. In the final held at the Metal and Steel Sports Complex, Ichapore, North 24 Parganas defeated holders Hooghly by two clear goals in a pacy encounter.

Surajit Mondal struck once in each half in this well contested match to achteve victory for 24 Parganas. The first goal came in the 30th minute of the first half. Hooghly's fate was sealed when Mondal struck again with two minutes remaining of the 70-mlnute match.

North 24 Parganas were virtually unstoppable in their semi-final match against Howrah. They swamped Howrah five goals to nothing with goals coming from Abhijit Das, Subhasish Paul and Mondal before the breather. Subal Karmakar and Das scored again to complete the rout.

Defending champions Hooghly scrapped through to the final with an unimpressive win versus Bankura. Subhas Roy got the only goal of the match in the 27th minute.

Earlier in the tournament, Howrah registered the biggest win defeating West Dinajpur eight goals to nothing in a quarter final match.

Soumitra Bose

### **RANCH!**

### CMPDI Open Bridge

EUREKA BRIDGE CLUB, Calcutta, retained the team championships when they earned the maximum of 154 points in the duplicate team of six event during the second CMPDI Open Bridge tournament which concluded here recently.

In the progressive team of four event, Palkara Sporting Club, Calcutta were the winners, scoring



# CALCUTTA

**CAB Awards** 

Some of the winners at the annual Cricket Association of Bengal awards ceremony: (From left): Sourav Ganguly (Cricketer of the Year), Jayanta Ghosh Dastidar (the best Under-19 cricketer), Biswajit Mukherjee (the best Under-16 cricketer) and Santanu Roy, (the best district cricketer)

a maximum of 147 points. The title of the Open Pair Event went to S.P. Sinha (Patna) and T.N. Swain (Ranchi).

On the final day, Mr. R.N.

Mishra,
Chairman-cum-Managing
Director, CMPDI gave away the
prizes.

**Anii Kumar Singh** 



The Eureka Bridge Club were the winners of the CMPDI Open Bridge championships

### **SPORTSWEEK**

THE great American horse, Man O'War, running for the Millers stakes at Saratoga, USA, on Aug 7, 1920 finished first, setting a record time of 1 min 56.36 sec. for 13/16 mile.

SANDEEP PATIL, right-handed batsman, niedium-pace bowler, who hit 174 (one six, 22 fours) oif only 240 balls against Australia at Adeiaide, was born on Aug 8, 1956 at Bombay.

A USTRALIAN tennis player Rod Laver, born Aug 9, 1934, is the second male player in the history of the game to win all four singles championships—Australi an, French, Wimbledon, and American—in one year, and was the first to repeat the Grand Slamin 1969.

BRITISH strongman Thomas Topham, who once lifted a horse over a gate and on another occasion a 378-lb man with one hand, died in England, on Aug 10, 1749.

THE first Ascot race meeting, convened by Queen Anne, was held on Aug 11,1711, at Ascot Village, England, one of the oldest and renowned race courses in the world.

SAM OKWARJI, top Nigerian soccer player died while playing in a World Cup qualifying match, at Lagos, Africa, Aug 12, 1989.

Husband-Wife team Anita and Jagat Nanjappa, driving their Ind-Suzuki, emerged winners in the Scissors K-1000 motor rally, on Aug 13, 1989, in Bangalore. A.R. Sharff

### **MILESTONES**

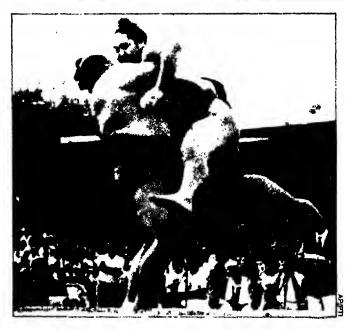
JOINED: Argentine World Cup goalkeeper, Sergio Goycochea, the French second division club Brest. for a period of four years. The transfer came after Argentina won the Copa Americana. PROBABLE: That soccer star Diego Maradona would have to face a jail sentence ranging from one year to six years for the possession of cocaine. TO PLAY: Jahangir

during December. He is also likely to hold a coaching clinic in the country at the same time. FINED: Wasim Akram, a record £1,000 by Lancashire in the game against Warwickshire for intimidatory bowling and abusive language. He still faces disciplinary action by the TCCB.

Khan of Pakistan in

three exhibition

matches in Indla



DROPPED: The 10 million dollar lawsuit that George Foreman had filed against Evander Holyfield, after the latter signed a contract to fight Mike Tyson.

TO JOIN: Ian Botham the county Durham when it becomes the 18th full fledged cricket county in English county. His county Worcestershire has Sumo wrestling comes to the land of matadors and buil fighting. Sumo wrestlers enthrall the Spanish audience at the Complutense University just outside Madrid

agreed to release him by then. FAILS: Ben Johnson in his final attempt to qualify for the 100m at the World Athletics Championships to

be held in Tokyo. In the Canadian Athletics Championships he came fourth with a timing of 10.42 secs.

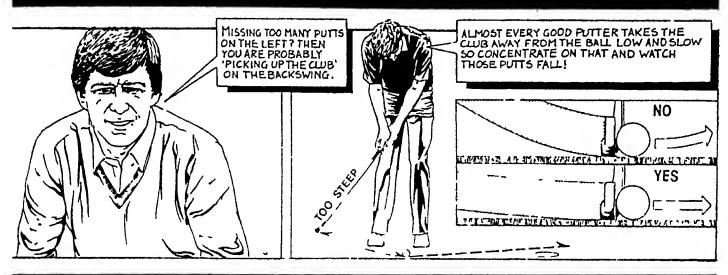
LOSES: Zeeshan Ali to Jeremy Bates of Britain 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the final of the Malaysian International Satellite Circuit Tennis Championship. PROBABLE: That South African athletes would take part in the World Championships in Tokyo. The players themselves are sending a Springbok team to the championships in defiance of the ruling of the Non Racial South African Amateur Athletics Association who had voted against sending a team. PROBABLE: That Brazil and Argentina will play a series of matches in Calcutta in the last

week of October

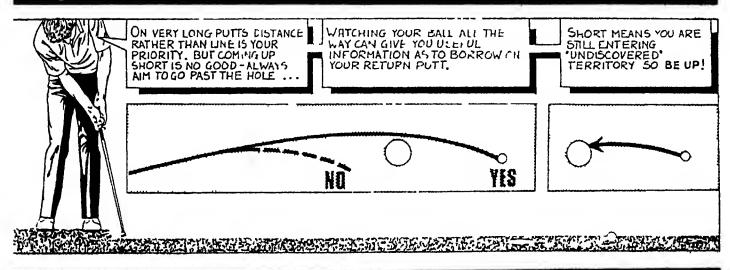
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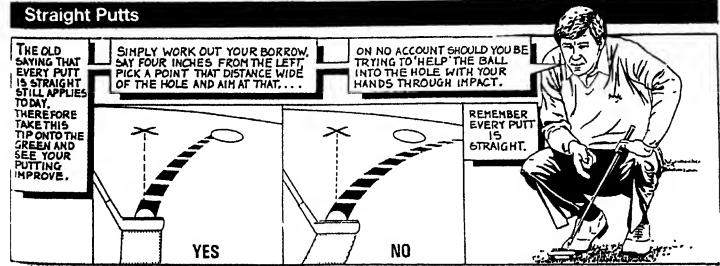
FROM TEE TO GREEN





### Long Better than Short





### CHESS/BRIDGE

### CHESS

Great Moments in Indian Sport: Karpov Vs Anand Linares, '91. Anand played a jokey line against the English Opening. His third move left the book behind. Karpov was unable to keep control and then in time trouble he was out-Karpoved by the young Indian who forced him into a lost ending. when the former world champion desperately simplified.

White: Karpov Vs Black: Anand,

English Opening.

1 Nf3 c5 2 c4 Nc6 3 Nf3 Nd4 !? 4 e3 Nxf3 5 Oxf3 g6 6 b3 Bg7 7 Bb2 d6 8 g3 Rb8. The



### **GM Vishwanathan Anand**

exchange of knights on the third move ensures that black will not have a space problem. Anand's 8th move is also provocative—he has already sacrificed one tempo on his third-now he makes another irrelevant looking move before completing his development.

9 bg2 Nf6 10 h3 0-0 11 0-0 a6 12 Qe2 b5! Of course black gets ample counterplay after 13 cb5 14 Nxh5 ba6 15 a4 Qb6 which is similar to the Benko Gambit. 13 d3 b4 14 Nd1 a 15 a4 e5 16 e4 h5 17 h4 Ne8. The interesting thing is that though the wings are blocked—both the players have chances of opening up the centre with breaks on the f-lile.

18 Ne3 Nc7 19 Kh2 Ne6 20 Bh3 Bg7 21 Ng2 Bg7 22 Rae1 Rb7! Karpov now had only a couple of minutes left to reach move 40 and he had already refused a tacit draw offer by repeating with 22 Ne3 Bh6 etc.

23 Bxe6 ? Bxe6. A dangerous deciston because black's bishops have a future. 24 f4 Bg4 25 Qd2 Re7 26 Ne3. Here a direct 26 f5 is worth trying. After black's next move the centre is under great tension and that must be horrifying for the man in time pressure.

26-f5 27 ef5 ? Sensible could be 27 Ng4 fg4! (27-hg4 28 ef5 gf5 29 fe5

threatens 30 Qg5) 28 f5 rcf7! when at least white has practical chances. 27-gf5 28 Nd5 Re6 29 Qf2 Rfe8 30 Bc1? e4! Now black is winning. 30 fe5 fc5 leaves black with chances of ripping up the kingside but it's better than this.

The threat of entering at e2 is compled with the g7 bishop coming alive, 31 de4 Rxe4 32 Rxe4 Rxe4 33 Re1 **Rxe1 34 Qxe1 Kf7 35 Qd2 Bf3!** Now the despised light squared bishop will

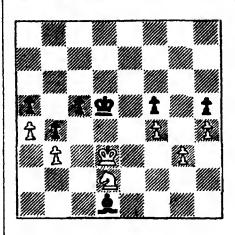
have its say.

36 Ne3 Be4 37 Bb2 Bb2 38 Qxb2 Qf6 39 Qxf6 Kxf6 40 Kg1 Bb1. The bishop dominates the knight totally and eyes the pawn at b3.

41 Nf1 Bc2 42 Nd2 Ke6 43 Kf2 d5 44 cd5 Kxd5 45 Ke3 Bd1! Zugzwang— either the black king enters at d4 or the b3 pawn goes or white must allow the text.

46 kd3 (See diagram) Bxb3! (0-1) after the forced 47 Nxb3 c4 48 Kc2 cb3 49 Kxb3 Kd4 the king and pawn ending is an elementary win.

### Devangshu Datta



### BRIDGE

Contracts that appear impossible are often easier to handle for there may be only one particular lay-out on which they can make. It is the hands with several possible lines catering to different lay outs that are more difficult. Still, today's hand from the semi-final of this year's trials to select the French team was an exception in that though there was only one lay-out that would allow the hand to make, it was quite casy to miss a step in the actual sequence of plays.

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Against this rather optimistic, or rather horrendous, contract West started off with two rounds of spades. On winning the second round, Alam Levy, East, found the best confuncation of a third spade. attacking declarer's weak spot. East had to hold his tramp losers to one and for that he needed to find East with acc-jack to three hearts Analysing thus far, most players would have raifed in dummy and led a heart to the ten and a second heart to the queen and acc. Now the fourth spade from East would promote a trump trick for the defence as West has the heart nine.

South, Regis Lesguiller, foresaw the problem and raifed the third spade in hand. Then he crossed over to dimmiy with a diamoid and led a licart to the ten. Back to dummy again with a diamoud and a second low heart from dammy. If Easy goes up with the ace, declarer has no further problems for he can ruff the spade return in either hand, cross over to the other, draw trumps and claim. However, East continued his good work by ducking the second round of trumps as South won his king. With exactly one trump left in each hand, declarer could not alford to clear the trumps but he found an answer. He cashed the third diamond and played clubs. East ruffed the second club with the ace and played a fourth spade. South ruffed in hand with the seven--if West over-ruffs, dummy over-ruffs and claims the rest while if he discards a club, dummy does likewise and again the defence has an answer.

Santanu Ghosh



# TENNIS

Current players
that Rod Laver,
who captured the
Grand Slam in 1962
and 1969, says have
the best chance to win
the Grand Slam: Pete
Sampras and David
Wheaton.

Record number of bananas consumed at Wimbledon last year by Wheaton during a five-set match: 9.

Only one of the eight Grand
Slam singles finals that is not televised live in the United
States: French Open women's singles final.

wimber of times that 1991 Wimbledon champion Michael Stich broke Stefan Edberg's serve in his 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 semifinal victory: 0.

Number of consecutive matches that former British No. 1 John Lloyd lost right after marrying Chris Evert: 19.

What Jimmy Connors constantly referred to during the changeovers throughout the 1975 Wimbledon final against Arthur Ashe: A note he kept inside his socks that contained a message from his grand-mother.

A ge at which world No. 6 Mary Joe Fernandez was able to do a push-up for the first time: 19.



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Number of rackets that Bjorn Borg was known to carry to each tournament: 92.

Sign in surprise French Open champion Jim Courier's small hometown of Dade City, Florida: "Way to Go, Jimbo-Image-Isn't Everything." Y ength of the Lalongest queue for tickets in Wimbledon's history on June 30, 1991 when rain-plagued Wimbledon was forced to play on the middle Sunday for the first time in its. 114-year history: 1 1/2 miles.

What John
McFiroc said
he'd do if he were to
lose to heavy
under-dog Chris
Lew is in the 1983
Wimbledon final: "I d
jump off the I mptre
State Burlding."

Percentage of all athletes who know exactly the right time to retire, in John McEnroe's opinion: "one in a hundred."

McEnroe's secret wish: To go out "with a big bang."



Material used for white lines on the grass at Wimbledon: Titanium paste.

Speed of the faster serve ever measured: 163.61 miles per hour by B. Tilden in 1931.

The hardest pair of life on the proto for 15-year-old, multimillionaire Jennifer Capriati: "Interviews with reporters."

Going rate on the black market for a pair of tickets for the 1991 Wimbledon gentlemen's singles final: 1600 pounds.

Going rate for a pair of tickets for the 1991 Wimbledon ladies' singles final: 900 pounds.

What Arthur Asi believes are th most tension-filled rounds in Grand Sla tournaments: The first round and semifinals.

Where young Monica Seles practised with her brother Zoltan and father Karolj when the only eight tennis courts in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, were occupied: In a parking lot where they tied a string to the bumpers of two cars for a net.

Per cent of Britain' tennis coaches that Tony Pickard, Britain's new Davis Cup captain and



Stefan Edberg's coach, believes "haven't the faintest idea of how the game is played" at the highest level: 90.

Favorite movie of surprise Wimbledon champion Michael Stich: Sam Peckinpah's "Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia."
Reason why Boris Becker didn't like being nicknamed "Boom Boom" when he won Wimbledon at age 17: He didn't want any references to shooting.

What Bjorn Borg thinks the media has tried to do to him for the last five years: "Destroy me."

A verage age for the French Open women's champion over the past five years: 17.4

Per cent of all adult respondents in the poll who thought that men and women pro players should receive equal prize money: 81.

I I ow Czech-born
Richard
Krajicek, of The
Netherlands, was
punished by his
father when he lost a
junior tournament
match: He was sent to
bed without his
supper.

Compiled by Paul Fale

### **BOOK EXTRACT**

TANDING on the second-floor balcony of the clubhouse at Queen's, Gayle Bradshaw had an excellent view of Center Court. On that court. John McEnroe and Ivan Lendi were going at one another, the kind of match-up most tennis fans covet. Gayle Bradshaw likes tennis as much as anyone. But to him, McEnroe-Lendi was nothing more than a potential nightmare.

And that nightmare was becoming quite real. Midway through the

the same shoes that Ken Farrar had been in when he had been called on court in Australia. This was an ATP Tour event not a Grand Slam, and Bradshaw, and ATP Tour supervisor, was in charge of the umpires and line judges. Bradshaw had been the tournament referee at the U.S. Open for seven years until offered the chance to travel the world for the ATP. He liked his job and the people he worked with. But he dreaded days like this.

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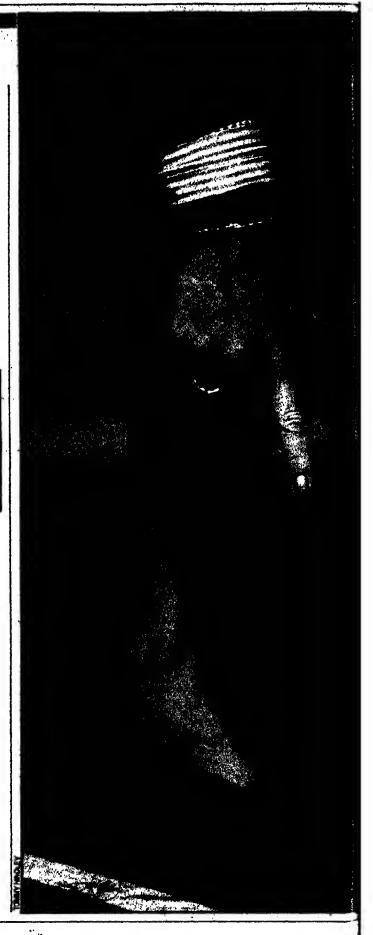
third game of the match, McEnroe had got upset at one of the line judges about a call. Already, he had complained about three calls, all of them by the same man. Now, as the players changed sides, with Lendl having just broken serve to go up 2-1, McEnroe was angrily telling chair umpire Paulo Pereira that he wanted the man removed.

Bradshaw watched Pereira intently, hoping he wouldn't look up towards him. No such luck. As McEnroe walked away, Pereira glanced towards the balcony and, ever so slightly, nodded his head. That was a signal to Bradshaw that he was needed on court.

Bradshaw was now in

"All week, I had been hoping to avoid a confrontation with John," he said later. "I knew he was bound to come in uptight because he hadn't played for so long. I only had two pros working which left me short-handed."

"Pros," in the vernacular of tennis officials, are full-time chair umpires, men and women who are paid full-time salaries to be umpires. It is a surprisingly young profession. The first two pros were hired by the Men's Tennis Council in 1985. Prior to that, the only full-time officials had been supervisors. The women's game still didn't have any full-time pros, although Lee Jackson, the WIA





John McEnroe: a potential nightmare

supervisor of officials, had worked full time as a supervisor and as a chair umpire for almost 20 years. The FTF also had pros working for it now, supervised by Ken Farrar.

The only pros working for Bradshaw at Queen's were Pereira and Gerry Armstrong. Bradshaw wasn't about to put a part-time umpire, even an experienced one, on a McEnroe match. Not this week at least. That meant Armstrong and Pereira would have to take turns. The last time Armstrong had chaired a McEnroe match had been on 21 January in Melbourne. The entire

The life of an umpire on the procircuit is a nerve-racking experience, so miserable that sometimes they wish they had never heard of the sport of tennis at all...In these extracts from his sensational book, 'Hard Courts', John Feinstein unmasks the umpires' world of trials and tribulations...of pain

termis world remembered what happened that day. Nonetheless, when McEnroe walked on court for his first match at Queen's, Armstrong was in the chair.

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"Not exactly ideal," Bradshaw said later. shaking his head. "But I had to make a decision: do I throw Gerry out there and get it over with for both of them or do I take a chance on having Gerry work a semifinal between McEnroe and Lendl? I had to plan ahead. I finally decided that trouble was less likely during McEnroe-Krishnan than during McEnroe-Lendl, especially given the history between McEnroe and Lendl. I didn't want Gerry in the chair if trouble started between those two."

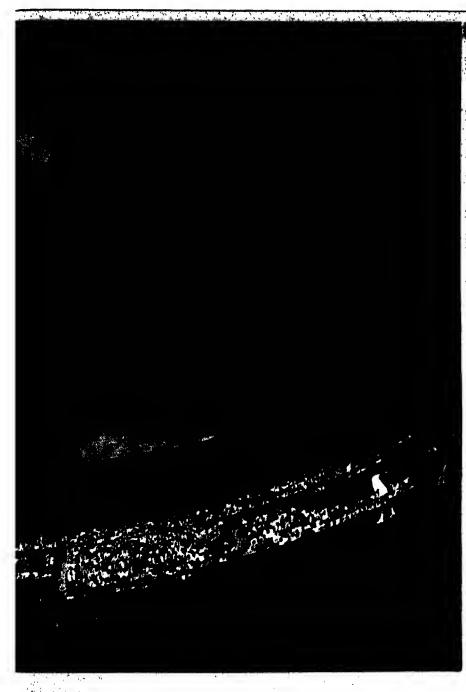
Bradshaw's plan worked. McEnroe was clearly less than pleased to see Armstrong in the chair for his first match and refused to acknowledge him at all afterwards. That was okay, though. There were no problems. After his second match, to prove he was an equal opportunity player. McEnroe also ignored Pereira, And, when he got to the semifinals. Bradshaw had Pereira in the chair.

Se far se good. But when he arrived for work on the morning of the semifinals, Bradshaw found out he might be in for a long day. McEnroe had gone out to warm up with Vitas Gerulaitis a couple of hours before the match. While the two of them were hitting, Scott Davis had launched a water balloon from the clocker room that had landed right at Gerulaitis's feet. Under any circumstances, a water balloon exploding at

one's feet on a tennis court is going to be a shock, in London, in a climate where underground stations were routinely evacuated at the first sight of an empty package, Gerulaitis jumped about five feet into the air.

That was the intended effect. Davis had been lugging the water balloon launcher around the world with him the entire year during which





the call so the a number of players had become involved in launching the balloons at unsuspecting people.

Davis was delighted with his direct hit on Gerulaitis. McEnroe wasn't. He screamed at Davis from the court and continued to scream at him when he got back to the locker room. He was shaking with anger before he was through. : Hearing all this, Bradshaw sighed and hoped the match would

be without incident. Now, it had taken all of three games for Pereira to signal for him from the balcony. Bradshaw ran down the steps and, as casually as was possible. wedged his way close to the court.

'He wants a switch," Pereira said quietly.

Bradshaw nodded. He had figured as much. Players often ask for line judges to be changed. Sometimes, they are ignored. Sometimes, the

umpire will quietly switch two of the judges on court, perhaps taking someone off the service line and moving him to a baseline. Occasionally, if both players agree that someone is doing poorly and the umpire does too, a line judge will be removed. Usually though, to mask the removal from the crowd. a supervisor will send out an entirely new crew-line judges are usually rotated after one hour of play-so that the person being removed isn't singled out.

Once Pereira had told Bradshaw what McEnroe wanted, he had a decision to make. McEnroe was clearly uptight, perhaps close to an explosion. If he gave him his change, it might calm him down. What's more. Bradshaw knew that there had been trouble between McEnroe and this line judge before. The schedule he worked with at Queen's Club-each tour stop has a local referee who works with the pro supervisor-should not have put him on the match to begin with. Bradshaw decided to make a change.

He went back upstairs and began looking for a full set of line judges so he could make the change as quietly as possible. But this was the weekend. Most of the judges had either gone home or to the next tournament, so Bradshaw could only find three people before the next changeover. When the new line judges walked on court, the fans knew exactly what was going on. They hooted loudly. The bigger problem for Bradshaw

was Lendl.

"That's a big mistake," Lendl said to him. "If I want someone changed you better change him real quick. You guys always do things for him. Never for me.'

Bradshaw knew Lendi felt this way. The funny thing was, he had never done anything for McEnroe before, not in all the years at the Open, not on tour. As the departing line judges passed McEnroe, he couldn't resist a dig. The line judge in question turned and took a step back towards McEnroe. Fortunately, his two colleagues interceded before anything could happen. Bradshaw walked off the court feeling miserable.

'I made a mistake,' he said the next day. "Lend! was right. I should have



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just let it ride. But I was trying to calm things down. I should have at least waited until I could round up a full crew so it wouldn't be so obvious. I was really afraid Lendl was going to do something today [during the final], demand a change or something. If he had, I was just going to go out there and say, Ivan, you've made your point'.

'Oh well.' Bradshaw

and learn."

HE phrase the L umpires use is. Welcome to the job. Anyone who decides to make his living 40 weeks a year as a tennis umpire or supervisor knows there is going to come a match, a day or perhaps an entire week so miserable you will wish you had never heard of the sport of tennis.

It happens to everyone, Richard said. "On this job you live | Kaufman said. The only question is when, not if."

To many of the pros. Rich Kaufman is a role model. He was one of the first two pros hired by the Men's Tennis Council, along with an Englishman named Jeremy Shales. Kaufman made the programme work just by being so damn good at the job that doubters were quickly silenced.

Born in 1950. Kaufman played tennis and basketball growing up but really wanted to be a baseball player. He ended up playing tennis at Hiram College, best known for its music programme. After graduation, Kaufman went to the West Coast to work as a musician. doing a lot of studio session back up work on keyboards. In 1976, he decided to enrol in a-University of Southern California extension

programme in London to pursue a Masters degree in international relations.

One morning the following summer, he drove north of London to Cumberland, hoping to get into the qualifying draw of a small tournament there. He couldn't and was about to leave for an afternoon seminar in Windsor when a man named Peter Quinn walked up and introduced himself. Quinn told Kaufman that the tournament was short of line judges for the day. Would he like to work? Kaufman was unsure, Quinn. persisted. Kaufman finally agreed. He enjoyed the work and was good enough that Quinn arranged for him to work in the qualifying tournament at Queen's the next week. He arrived to learn that the qualifying had been moved indoors because of rain and that a flu bug had put most of the umpires in bed 'I worked 10 chairs that weekend with no line judges, he said. The wooden courts were like lightning. It was two years' worth of training in two days.

For the next/seven years, Kaufman took summers off from his job as a researcher at the University of Washington to work as. an umpire. He worked his first Wimbledon in 1978 and by 1983 was good enough to chair the U.S. Open final. That match-between Ivan Lendl and Jimmy Connors stands out in his mind because it is a shining example of how unprofessional umpiring in tennis was at the time.

Connors got \$175,000

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for winning that day,'
Kaufman said. I got \$50
for working the match. It
wasn't the money that
bothered me, it was the
notion that so much was
at stake for the players
and they were working
with what were
essentially amateur
officials.'

Slowly, the MTC was changing that. The first full-time supervisors had been hired in 1980: in 1985 Kaufman and Shales were hired as the first full-time umpires. From the very beginning. the programme was second-guessed. Long entrenched part-time umpires resented the implication that officiating needed to be improved in the sport. Kaufman and Shales had a difficult time that first year as some of their colleagues shunned them.

There were plenty of times that first year when the easiest thing to do would have been just to go home, he said. 'But : I would have felt like I was letting down a lot of people who had put their faith in me. The players wanted professional officiating. There was no doubt about that. But they didn't like the idea of seeing the same authority figures week in and week out. They tested me and they tested Jeremy quite a bit."

Kaulman thought the toughest part of the job

strict no-fraternization rules, requirinag that they not stay in the same hotel with the players or even dine in the same restaurants. Those rules made the group even more close-knit than it might otherwise have been. Nicknames abounded: Armstrong



often came on weekends when he might have a tough semifinal with a player and have to umpire the final-with that same player-the next day. 'One thing we've found now is that there's strength in numbers in this job', he said. If you have a tough match with a player, regardless of why, it's good for both of you if you don't have to see him again the next day.'

By 1989, the umpires had become an on-tour fraternity. Farrar had

natled ings with 'Skippy'. shortly after the movie Crocodile Dundee came out; it has stuck like glue. Dana Loconto, with his drawling Alabama accent is 'Bubba,' and Kaufman is always 'Coffers.'

Armstrong is the funniest member of the group. He is the only one with genuine lineage in officiating; his father. George Armstrong, was a Wimbledon umpire for years. He worked both the men's and women's finals and got Gerry started working lines in

1973.

In 1988, one year after joining the MTC.
Armstrong worked the Wimbledon final. That made him half of the first father-son combination to both work Wimbledon finals. It also marked a passage of rites. 'Until then I was always "George's boy" at Wimbledon, 'Armstrong said. 'Now, he's retired and when he comes back there, he's "Gerry's dad."

That Wimbledon final, between Becker and Edberg, was rained out Sunday. On Monday. after a long delay, the players got in a set and two more games before it rained again. When they came out to warm up again, Armstrong instructed the ballboys to use the balls that had been in play for the warm-up and then put new balls into play-it was two games until a ball change, and a warm-up is considered to be two games long. The match began again and Armstrong happened to look down at the foot of the chair. There sat the new balls.

'I panicked completely,' he said. 'My first thought was that everyone in the stadium and everyone watching on TV knew I hadn't double-checked to make sure the new balls had been put in play. I was really miserable. My first Wimbledon final and I had messed it up. Then I realised that no one knew. The players didn't know and neither did anyone else. So, l just waited two games and called for new balls. It wasn't a problem. But it scared me half to death, I could see the headlines in the tabloids right before my eyes.

### HESE days the cricket season spends its first six basking in the false summer of one-day cricket before getting down to the real business of the five, four and three-day events. That must be why Derek Pringle seems to start each year so well: he is not built to succeed over the long distances, although to be frank he does not have the fetlocks of a sprinter either. However, the one-day events have no dressage competition, so there is no need for him to look any smarter than the front half of a pantomime horse as he canters around the outfield showing off his remarkably improved throwing arm. Mr Pringle is now an accomplished one-day bits-and-pieces man, even though until this season most of the bits and pieces were strangely disconnected. Now they all seem to be coming together at last, and it was good to see him back in the England squad.

Pringle is, of course, not the only man making a comeback this summer. In the first one-day international no fewer than six of the England squad were making a return to top-level cricket, and at least eight of the England XI could claim to be members of that semi-extinct speallrounder cles. the (Lamb, Fairbrother and Russell being the odd men out). Only time and the West Indians will tell whether our selectors' renewed faith in Lewis. DeFreitas. Fairbrother. Lawrence and Botham as well as Derek Pringle is well founded, but it is certainly a remarkable re-union for the old lags of the England squad of a

# freewheeling

year or two ago. Hours of fun in the England dressing-room, showing off recent photos of the family and reminiscing about the size of shirts they used to fit into when they were younger, must make for better morale existed than Australia, when all there was to perk up their spirits was a new set of Xrays of the most recently broken nose or forearm and a couple of used aeroplane tickets.

To sidestep for a brief paragraph, at Folkestone I heard a new Geoff Boycott story. A young lad asked him for his autograph, and the great man looked carefully through the boy's autograph book before eventually deciding to make his mark next to Brian Luckhurst's signature because he's one man i never ran out.

Altitle later in the afternoon, play was briefly
suspended when there
were great shouts from
both players and umpires in the direction of the
Sky TV broadcasting box
behind the bowler's arm
at the Channel Tunnel
end (or is it the Channel
Tunnel beginning?). 'Sit
down, Boycott!' they bellowed in unison. The sun

was apparently gintle off the great man's brow and dazzling the bi smen. Beves set down and play was resumed. I had been sitting with some Japanese trying its explain to them the mysteries of cricket, but the idea that a game could be brought to halt by the sun glinting on a former player's skul was too esoteric for them. They left before the match ended in a tie, meaning there were no winners in a game sponsored by a company called Victory.

Back to the plot. What do the England new boys make of all this selectorial resurrection? Graems Hick (batting average down to about one quarter of last summer figures, so an obvious choice) knows about happy returns at least because May 23, the deshe first pulled on an England sweater, was his 25th birthday.

We are 10 years or from Botham's phenomenal year of 1981, and he is now 35. The body is a little thicker and the pace a little slower, but the basic skills are all still there, and more important, so is his selfconfidence. Botham is worth his place in the belief he generates in team that otherwise might not expect to win In 10 years' time, Hick will be 35, but I wonder. we shall be able to may the same about him then? At least I hope he will enjoy the next decade playing England, because not every day will be his birth day, even with Bothani there to tell him it's all a piece of cake.

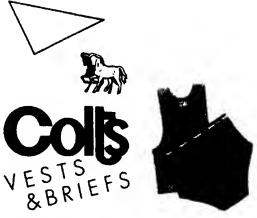
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New boys of the summer: Neal, Hick, Botham and Hingworth



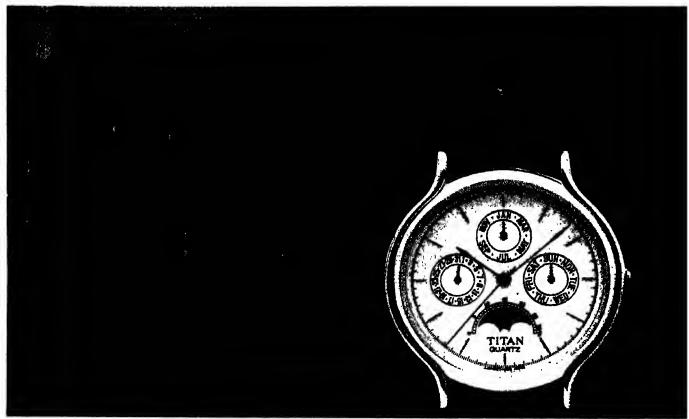


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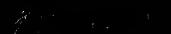
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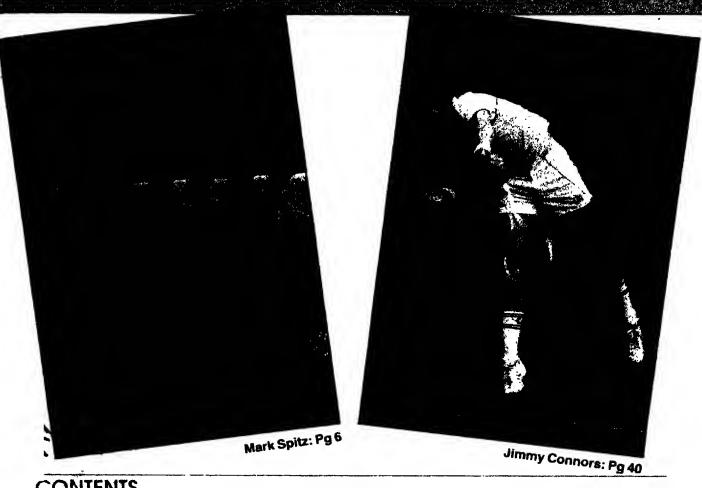


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Sportsworld cornered Jimmy Connors for an exclusive one-toone interview







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# DIFFERENT STROKES

### KING OF THE ROAD

parents are having a rough time with their marriage, and you literally get brained by a golf club? One supposes you try your hand at other crazy things and get into equally crazy situations.

That is exactly what Wicked Prince Willie did. While father Prince Charles had his invitation to host a party for his beautiful wife Di, politely rebuffed (suggesting a marital rift). Prince William went and got into a Formula I Benetton-Ford racing car which caused quite a

Are the Royals mad or are they just throwing caution to the winds? For that matter, does William want to get into the 'fast lane' like his mother or does he prefer more sober pursuits like his father. The idea is to wait and watch.

few hearts to stop beating.

Prince William gazes with awe at the interior of a Formula 1 sports car.





Peter Stebbings tees off from his illuminated golf course. The second best thing to do in the dark

### NIGHT GAMES!

HEN golf fanatic Peter Stebbings tells his wife at midnight that, "I'm just off to play a round or two," she believes him and snuggles back into bed. For Peter Stebbings is one of the few midnight golfers in the world...thanks to his specially-equipped 24-hour course.

There players hit luminiscent balls, down fairways that are filuminated like airport runways with 'light sticks'. These sticks show midnight golfers where to find tees, greens, pins and holes. The good thing to come out of it is that wives and girlfriends are no longer complaining about being golf widows. "Night time beginners have only one problem. The men find it difficult to go home to their wives at 3.30 am and say, 'Sony I'm late darling. I've been playing golf."

But most of them understand cos' as Peter asys, "It's the second most fun thing you can do in the dark."

### CHEEKY CHARLIE!

THE normally staid, calm and composed temperament of Prince Charles has become an anachronism. Cheeky Charlie let his temper rip again at a polo match throwing caution to the winds.

When he tried to remove balls from a box by the pitch with a polo stick, his skittish mount refused to stay still. Time and again the Prince was frustrated with his clumsy actions. "Oh damn, this is bloody stupid!" he was heard to say. After a

couple of minutes' robust cussing Charles managed to knock over the box and then rode away for a series of practice shots. He sure is seeing red nowadays.

Charles divests the Order of the Boot on the balls





Monica Seles with her parents once upon a time

### MISS (ING) MONICA

earth was Monica Seles? Hack question. But that was the theme for a limerick contest for a bottle of Aberiour Malt whisky. The honours went to a certain Ms. K. Gardner... her contribution went like this: I'm not really

bothered where hell is.

Lord Lucan, the wife, or young Tel is, That flend Moriarty, Or young Capriati, But where on earth is Monica Sel es?

Seles did give us some info on her whereabouts much before this contest took place but then a bottle of whisky could easily negate this clause.

### **SUIT YOURSELF**

IGH fashion sporting garments are the rage nowadays, with everyone coming up with one cool number after another. But who's the guy in the suit? Well, you wouldn't have to wear glasses to identify him as Carl Lewis. Lewis was at the New York Games recently and he was parading around in a tuxedo... sorry, a tracksuit impersonating a

tuxedo (see picture).

For all the hoopla surrounding Lewis and his tracksuit, the 32-year-old sprinter didn't do too badly winning the 100 metres in 10.01 seconds. Accompanying Lewis to the meet was his best buddy Sri Chinmoy an Indian born peace leader who offered a prayer for world peace. The prayer over. Lewis went back to flaunting his tracksuit. When you're at the twilight of your career, looking good matters a lot.

Carl Lewis (right) with Sri Chinmoy: track suit or dinner sult?



# THE FADING OF THE LIGHT

The whole concept of aging is turned around. Instead of us saying we wish we could be younger, they tell us, 'I hope I can be like you when I'm your age''—Ralph Perry, 58-year-old triathlete.

ARCH 1991: Mark Spitz announces his comeback to top class competitive swimming. The world looks up askance. Mark Spitz! He of the seven gold medals in Munich nearly twenty years ago. He of the flashing smile, the thick monstache, and handsome movie star looks.

Why on earth is he messing around with history?

He is 4 t years of age, happily married to Susan, has a 8-year-old son named Matt and the best part of it all, he is a millionaire property developer in Beverly Hills. So what's the problem? Why this sudden destre to start once again and that too in a sport where people are 'old' at 25!

'Well, it's simple' he says, 'the fact is that men just haven't gone as fast in the 100m butterlly in the last 18 years.' And that's

true. In the 100m butterfly at Muntch, Spitz clocked a world record of 54.27 secs. In the 20 years that followed, the record has been reduced to 52.84, now held by American Pablo Morales. So Spitz felt that If he trained hard, he could be in with a chance.

And then there were other reasons. While racing with Randy Gaines, Olympic 100m freestyle gold medallist at the LA Olympics, Spitz managed to beat him a couple of times. Moreover, he had been swimming every day of his life since his retirement. He was lit and lean. At 41, minus his famous moustache and with grey flecks in his hair, he looked lit

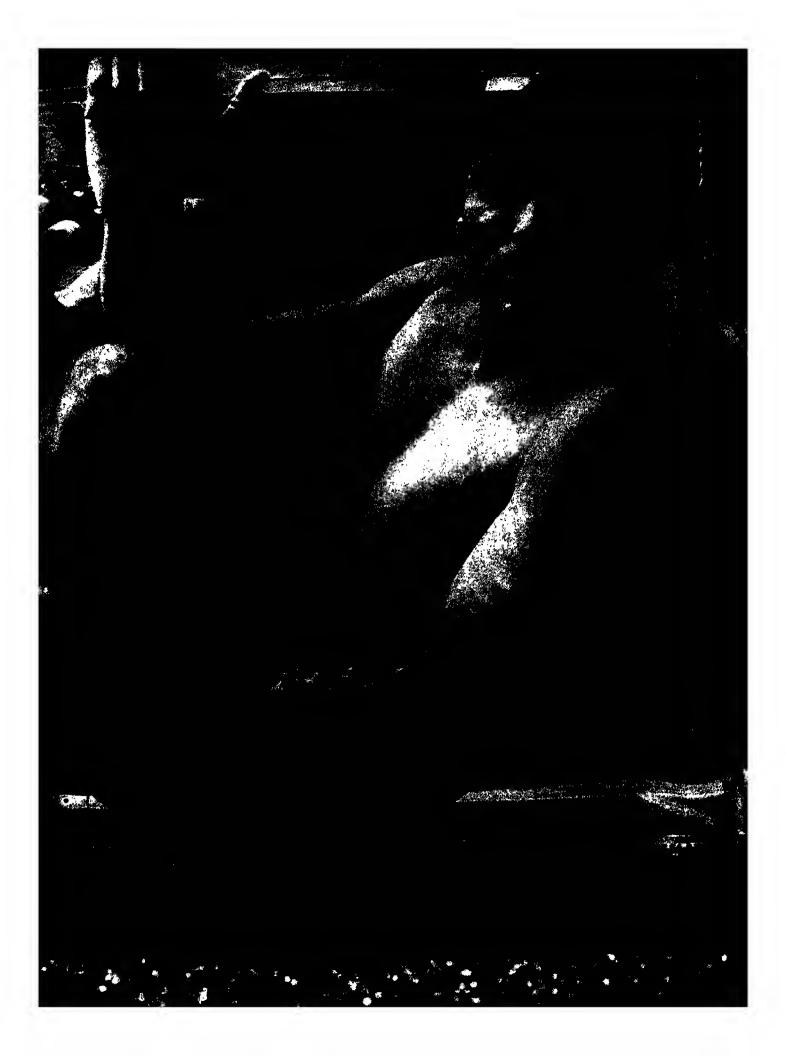
and strong. While training four hours a day in the UCLA pool, the coaches there were optimistic. They felt that if he worked steadily and hard, he would be able to come somewhere. Spitz htmself was optimistic.

He said, Truthfully, I would say I am about 75% as far as getting back into shape

Mark Spitz is clear slighted under water but his performance was foggy and discouraging

Bjorn Berg; Mark Spitz;
Ben Johnson; These are
few of the athletes who
tried to make a
comeback in the sport in
which they were
masters. And all three of
them bit the dust in
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superstars to come fact
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In April this year, Spitz took part in his first International competitive race, in California. The first test. The stopwatch was to deliver the verdict on his comeback. The world press was there in full strength to see how the golden legend would perform. And Spitz was immediately exposed. In the 50m butterfly, he was soundly defeated by American Tom Jager.

Said Jager after his win, 'I defeated him by over two body lengths and I have not done that in a very long time.' Spitz, on the other hand, comforted himself saying,'I was very nervous. That's the first time I

have started in 181/2 years.'

But his performances did not improve. A week later, in another swimming meet, he was defeated by Matt Biondi. Biondi's time: 24.51. Spitz's time: a poor 26.51. His comeback was now in serious doubt. This timing would not win selection to the US team for the Barcelona Olympics. Spitz then changed his tune: 'If I don't win selection for Barcelona, I will set my sights on taking part in the World Championships in 1993.'

Spitz is realising that swimming and winning in training races is vastly different from taking part in international races. Here, no quarter is given or taken

and the stakes infinitely higher.

It is difficult to make an impact.
Spitz laughs it off and has the succint
last word: 'What the hell, if it doesn't work,
I'll still wind up as the healthiest
42-year-old in the world.'

arch 1991: Bjorn Borg announces that he is coming back. He is 34 years of age and unlike Spitz who stayed in touch had not played competitive tennis for the past

eight years.

A lot had happened in those eight years. Firstly, his clothing company, Bjorn Borg Clothing, went under, in a sea of debts. He divorced Mariana Simonescu, a Rumanian tennis player. He then met and moved in with 18-year-old Jannike Bjorling and fathered a son named Robin who is now five years old. He then broke off with Jannike and married Italian rock singer, Loredana Berte. In Feb. '89, he was rushed to hospital from the Milan apartment of Berte. His stomach was pumped for an overdose of sleeping tablets and indigestion tablets. There were rumours of a suicide attempt and a

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cocaine habit that was not proved conclusively. Then his marriage came under stress. The Catholic church was delaying recognising his divorce from Mariana and so, in effect, he married outside the church. His life was a restless search for some meaning hencethe desire to return to tennis once again.

He concurs, to a certain extent.

'It is just desire' he says, 'first of all I missed tennis. I am coming back because I am 100% fit. I want to play. I want to win. I want the satisfaction. I am really hungry

to get out there again.'

And so he began practising and the world looked on curiously. There was this wooden racket which had become such a relic that the company which originally made it, Donnay, had closed down their factory. There were doubters all around and Ivan Lendl summed It up aptly: Borg is a very nice man and I wish him all the luck in the world, but I would be very surprised if he can break into the top levels. The game has improved each year he's been away. That in effect means he is 16 years, not eight years behind. No



human being can overcome that.'

Then, on April 24th, the day of reckoning came. According to Borg, he would play this first tournament at the Monte Carlo Open and after that, he would move on to the French Open and the green grass of Wimbledon. April 24th was a sunny day. The sky was blue, the weather, perfect. There was a slight nip in the air. The usually staid Monte Carlo Tennis Club was filled with over 7000 people. There were eminent people in the audience including Lennart Bergelin, Borg's former coach and illie Nastase.

Borg was playing Jordi Arrese, ranked 52nd in the world. He was the same: red, white and blue wristbands and headband. The

Banners supporting Borg's comeback were unfurled at the Monte Carlo Tennis Club



Bjorn Borg walks towards the court during his comeback first round match





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lamiliar wispy beard. The slow, shy smile and that small wooden racket. It would seem as if the years had not rolled by at all. Till he started playing. And you knew then that he was far from his excellent best. His movements were slow, shots were missing the baseline, and he somehow strangely seemed to lack the courage to hit the ball as hard as he could.

78 minutes later, Bjorn Borg had hit ihe dust. The score: 6-2, 6-3. He later privately admitted that he was out of it. He withdrew from the French Open and Wimbledon. Suddenly, his comeback too is in doubt. His game is rusty and surprisingly there was another discovery: he didn't seem to have the motivation. The fire is gone, the age is not there and Ivan Lendl's prophesy rings true.

ANUARY, 1991: Ben Johnson returns to international athletics at a meet in Hamilton, Ontario. 17,050 people turned up to watch. Johnson looked confident. He warmed up in front of the crowd for almost forty-five minutes. Then he peeled off his green track suit and flexed his muscles. Straightaway, you noticed that he had become smaller. He no longer had those bulging steroid-fuelled muscles of the past. He was slimmer, more human. His eyes were no longer red. The crowd cheered. He had become a hero because he had come clean about his drug-taking. He went to the start. The gun cracked and Johnson had a poor start. He was trailing after lour strides and it was only at the 35m mark, that he managed to get his legs moving. But it was too late. He came second and this set the pattern of his performances in his comeback year. In his first outdoor 100m at Granada in May, he canic fifth and the writing was on the wall. This was not the same Johnson of the Seaul Olympics. His most potent asset, a phenomenally explosive start, had all but vanished. He could no longer work up the old speed. His comeback is now in shambles. He has even failed to get selection for the individual 100m event in the Canadian team for the World Track and Field Championships in Tokyo later this year.

The end of another comeback story.

HIS year has been full of comebacks. And you wonder why athletes of supreme achievement like Spitz or Borg decide to make a comeback. Their reasoning is simple: the current standards are not too high. They are fit. They think they have a chance.

But is that the only reason?



Ban Johnson: without steroids, his speed was not the same anymore They have immense amounts of money. They have reached the pinnacle of achievement. Then they retired gracefully and with relief—that the long hours of training and sacrifice were eventually over. Then why this desire, after so many years, to make a comeback?

The answer seems to be a sort of inner emptiness. There is no excitement in their life. There is no purpose. There are no goals. Every day is the same. Nothing much happens. From the high paced adrenalin-driven lives of their early youth, to the slower, boring, uninspiring lives of their later years. There is also the complete absence of adulation.

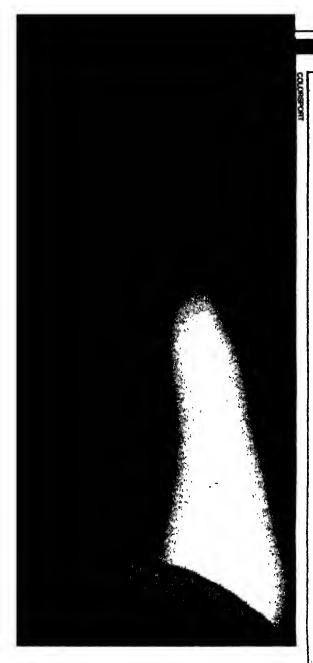
Adulation can be very addictive. The feeling that 20,000 spectators are cheering for you and for you only. It can be an attractive thing to experience. To be in

the headlines. To be courted by the elite of different nations. To win and achieve. All this vanishes from your life.

And in their idle moments, they must have wondered whether they could make a comeback. And make a success of it like George Foreman has.

But George Foreman has been the exception, the only one whose comeback has worked. And who would have even given him a chance in hell to make a success of it? He was 42 years of age, obese and weighing a heavy-duty 118 kgs. He was slow on his feet and ate voraciously. And he was trying to make a comeback in the most difficult of sports, boxing, And he has done well.

See his statistics: in 25 comeback fights, he managed to win 24. And out of the 24, the majority of them were knock



outs in the first or second round (so what if most of them were patsies). There was no doubt that he had immense strength in his arm and legs.

Despite all the criticisms and doubts, Foreman managed to slug his way to a heavyweight title fight against Evander Holyfield. (no mean feat this), and fought creditably, lasting the full 12 rounds, losing only on points. When he picked up a cool \$12.5 million, no one complained. His total earnings have been to the tune of \$16 million and that's quite a lot of money for the 12-year-old has been heavyweight chimpion.

The rest of the comeback guys may have scowled at Foreman's success and wondered if they could emulate him. But there was no parallel here, Foreman was an exception, even in his own sport. As

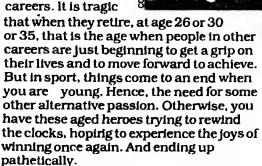
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'Although older and heavier' Houston continues, 'when he came back he compensated for this with a style built on patience and a degree of craftiness. And he has not taken all that punishment in these comeback fights, because the other fellow was too busy defending. He is also big and strong and he's something of an immovable object, as Evander Holyfield discovered. He doesn't need the good legs of an Ali or a Holmes, because in essence, he's a gun platform with a

method based on power, not manoeuvrability.'

For the others who have so embellished our lives with their brilliant performances, a search for passion is imperative. They have to discover another occupation that gives them the deep satisfaction that tennis or swimming or athletics gave. It is only then that they can continue to feel the sense of fulfilment that they felt in the peak years of their sporting



'Hope springs eternal' John McEnroe once said.

And sometimes, that's the pity.

Shevlin Sebastian



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**SOUTH AFRICA'S RE-ENTRY** 

# WHIY

#### **DID INDIA PROPOSE SOUTH AFRICA?**

The incredible story of why India, inspite of its rigid anti-apartheid stand, did an about-turn and proposed South Africa's return to international cricket



E are living in a world of rapid political change, in which even recent values, power blocs and equations are

changing. The ramifications of this socio-political turbulence is being reflected in sport too. The Berlin Wall has crumbled and we have unified German sports teams. Sport has been a caialyst to break down barriers. Even at italia '90, a joint Korean football team was unthinkable. Yet the miracle occurred. North and South Korea played as one in the recent Junior World Cup at Portugal. A joint Korean squad for the 1992 Barcelona

Olympics is on the eards.

After the release of Nelson Mandela and the relaxing of apartheid laws, South Alrica's sporting isolation was expected to decline, i jowever the haste with which South Africa has been re-admitted to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the international Cricket Conference (ICC) has raised quite a few eyebrows. The ultimate sporting miracle of the decade was india, champions of non-alignment and flag bearer in the struggle against apartheid, proposing South Africa's case at the iCC meeting at Lord's on July 10. With Nelson Mandela and his African National Congress (ANC) supporting the re-entry of South Africa in international sport, boili india and Pakistan were expected to support the motion. But that india would actually move the proposal was a typical case of 'truth is siranger than liction'.

#### **REACTION AT LORD'S**

S the lone indian sports journalisi ai Lord's this summer, it was quite weird to hear Colin Cowdrey, the ICC chairman announce that india had moved and Australia seconded the proposal, for re-admitting South Africa. English journalists present made numerous caustic and sarcastic asides

and comments on India's volte face. Some remarked aloud, 'There are lots of changes in India's foreign policy without a Gandhi-Nehru family member at the helm.' Other acerbic remarks were, 'What has happened to India's moral struggle

against apartheid.'

West Indian journalists were quite hurt at India's stance. It maybe recalled that the Windies Cricket Control Board abstained from the voting. One senior Windies scribe remarked, 'has apartheid really been lifted? Only the obnoxious 'pass laws' have been repealed and there is no segregation in public places. Some cosmetic political changes have been made to suit public opinion in the West which would enable western businessmen improve trade relations with South Africa. They are still not a domocratic country, with one man, one vote. By proposing South Africa's name, India has given moral justification to these cosmetic political changes in an essentially racial society Some scribes implied that India, desperate for the iMF loan, are willingly adopting the view of the western world. The question that arises is why india rushed into a decision on a sensitive racist issue on which Pakistan procrastinated and the West indies abstained?

#### DEMANDS OF FOREIGN POLICY

AS India's decision politically notivated or mere pragmatism or sheer opportunism? Mr.

Jagmohan Dalmiya, Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and our chief representative at Lord's, said, "The Govt, of India told us to support the motion. They took the decision after a Cabinet meeting. This was a very sensitive issue and we were guided by the foreign policy demands of our government." On the crucial issue of apartheid crumbling, Mr. Dalmiya was forthright, saying, 'Whether apartheid



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is breaking or not is for the central govt to decide. They have the information. We abided by the centre's decision. The BCCI took no decision on it's own. There is indeed evidence to support Mr. Dalmiya's views. The Minister of State for Youth. Affairs and Sports. Mrs Mamata Bailerjee at a meet, the press session at the Calcutta Sports Journalists Club on July 3 said. India's stand on South Africa's entry into international cricket was to be discussed at a cabinet meeting. The cabinet was to take a decision on what India's stand at the ICC meeting ought to be

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to support South Africa's re entry Such a stance was inevitable. When Gavaskar Sobers and others had visited South Africa the messiah of the struggle against apartheid Nelson Mandela had said that the ANC would support the reentry of South Africa into international sports Mr Mandela hinted that it was part of the bargain in dismantling apartheid The president of South Airica Mr F W De Klerk had apparenily requested the ANC to help lift the international sports boycott. You make it possible for me to have the All Blacks (New Zealand rugby team) come here and I will smash the system for you I will scrap all the laws of apartheid

#### "Ask Mr. Scindia and the BCCI. It is their decision"



HILE India proposed why d'd West Indies abstain from voting at the interna tional crickei conference(ICC) meeting at Lord's on July 10 ? Did their absence have a significant political message or was it mere expediency? It must be said that the countries of the Caribbean islands took the matter more seriously than India. The heads of government of the Caribbean nations had the South African encket issue at the head of the agenda in their annual conference at St. Kitts.

At Lord's there were several theories explaining the Windies absence. The prevalent view was Clyde Walcott's which followed the Vivian Richards. Line that there can be no normal sports in a ractal society. This is the view of extremists in the ANC also. Both Richards and Walcott felt that South Africa's re-admission was being liasifly done and the situation should have been studied for a longer time-before a decision was taken. Another view is that Windies absence was based on a mere technicality. It is said that Clyde Walcott who represented the Whidies Chicket Board wanted a separate meeting on the issue after three months. Mr. Walcott felt it would give the various cricket authorities more time to interact and reach an understanding on a very sensitive issue. South African re-admission was not on the agenda. Colin Cowdiey, chair man of the ICC used his prerogative to add this to the agenda. Walcott objected to this haste and hence boycotted the voting on the South Africa issue.

BCCI sources feel that the Windies stance was mere opportunism. Prior to the 1987 Reliance Cup, at the insistence of England, the old list of cricketers banned for touring South Africa was scrapped. Instead new regulations were introduced. If a player went on an official tour he was banned for five years, if he toured as an individual the ban was for four years and under 19 years players were banned for three years. India had objected to this amendment as no proper notice was given. The Windies did not support the BCCI on this issue. The BCCI is also sore that in the voting for the 1992. World Cup. Windies sided with Australia. New Zealand. The Pakistan. India bid was defeated by just one vote. So the feeling is that the Windies cricket board is opportunis tic and inconsistent in their anti-racist stand on issues related to sports.

Whatever the motivations for their abstaining from the South African vote the Windles have emerged with moral honours after the ICC meeting. Segregated townships remain in South Africa. De Klerk is not really a knight in shining armour. There has been evidence that his party have financed the Inthakas to oppose the ANC. Considering all these political imbroglios and manoeuvrings in South Africa itself. India should have taken a more mature decision.

Sensitive African and Caribbean opinion should have been considered. After all India are leaders of the NAM movement

The Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs Ms Mamata Banerjee implied this when asked to comment on India's stance She curtly said 'ask the BCCI and Mr Scindia it is their decision'

Considering these sports-political ramifications, and Mandela's request it was predictable that India would support South Africa's re-entry to the ICC.

#### **BCCI INITIATIVE?**

But the motivations behind proposing South Africa's case remain dubious and mysterious.

Mr. Madhavrao Scindia, the BCCI President and Cabinet minister, explicitly stated prior to the July 10 ICC meeting that, "We have no objection to South Africa returning to the international fold. The question of India actually proposing South Africa's case at the ICC meeting

There was no clearcut directive for India to propose South Africa's name at the ICC



does not arise. We may or may not." In other words, there was no clearcut directive for India to propose South Africa's name at the ICC meeting. The Department of Sports at Shastri Bhavan also confirm this. They state that they received no official intimation from the Cabinet that the BCCI should move the proposal for South Africa's re-admittance.

Did the BCCI or Dalmiya take this initiative on their own? There is apparently evidence that there may have been a trade off between Dalmiya and Mr. Krish Mackerdhuj, the Indian representative on the newly formed United Cricket Board of South Africa. Mackerdhuj will urge the South African cricket board to support India's case for staging the lucrative World Cup in the near future.

There was a dispute on this issue. England felt the venue should be by rotation. India felt the World Cup should go to the highest bidder. Maybe South Africa will support India in such a bid in the future. Expediency leads to strange bedfellows.

Some of the members of the board are justifying their stance by stating that the process of dismantling of apartheid has started. The breakdown of apartheid is seen as a sense of victory and a historic moment like the fall of the Berlin Wall. india's position is being justified as an example of hating apartheid but not the people of South Africa.

Glib reasoning but not morally justifiable. But maybe dreams and moral virtues are to be forgotten in our rapidly changing world with it's emphasis on a global market economy. Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru may not have approved of India's latest cricket stance on South Africa but then those were other times, other ideologies.

Many cricket followers have felt that South Africa's case was being rushed without actually being convinced that the black majority had been absorbed in the mainstream of cricket. The great Vivian Richards is quite convinced that South Africa should not be in the ICC till there is 'one man, one vote.' India seemingly overeager to please and adopt a Western world view has stepped out of the crease once too often. By their stand at the ICC meeting at Lord's, the BCCI may have gained a cricketing ally but India has lost the moral right to be the torch-bearer of the anti-racist movement in the world of sport.

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### MIRAN LAM

#### COLUMN

QBAL, one of the greatest philosopher poets of the Indian sub-continent, once satd: "The only thing permanent in this world is change."

Unfortunately, there are those who talk about some sort of a Utopia that existed before the Packer era when there were gentlemen fast bowlers who bowled fewer bouncers and gentlemen captams who stopped 'sledging' and any

unsportsmanlike behavtour.

Having played Test and county cricket since 1971. I must have missed this Utopia, if it ever existed, because ever since I can remember, last bowlers always exploited weaknesses in batsmen. If a batsman could not play bouncers, he got more than his share. When I walked in to bat in my second Test at Leeds in 1974, I was exposed to more sledging than at any other instance in my career.

There certainly were fewer bouncers before 1975 and the reason was not because fast bowlers were more gentlemanly but simply because there were fewer of them around.

Just as standards in athletics rise with every Olympics, it is to be expected that the pace bowlers will get quicker as emphasis on physical litness increases.

According to E.W. Swanton, I "portray Test ericket as a battle with no holds barred and physical courage against bouncers the chief ingredient." Actually, I said that courage, for me. is just one of the ingredients needed to the make-up of a world-class batsman. Others are talent, intelligence and technique.

If a player has ambitions to play the highest form of cricket, then he should be equipped to deal with all types of bowling, for Test cricket is the ultimate test of a cricketer.

Anyone who cannot cope should stay in third-class cricket.

Fast bowlers are not quite as dense as they are made out to be. When they see a batsman like Ramprakash effortlessly leave a bouncer, they will not waste their energy bowling short to him, as was so evident in England's third

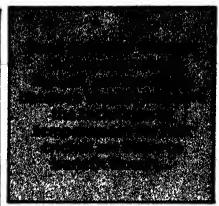
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One of Gavaskar's classic shots—the hook—which he used so effectively against the world's fastest and most intimidating bowiers

CRICKET



Test against the West Indies at Trent Bridge.

On the other hand, Hick is likely to be tested with the short ball until he developes a technique to cope with it.

Since the ridiculous one-bouncer-per-over law was passed by the ICC. I have managed to get the views of some outstanding batsmen of their time. I did not talk to the bowlers as their views are obvious. Sunil Gavaskar, for example, thought the law was utterly foolish, and mediocre batsmen who do not have the technique or temperament for Test cricket are likely to benefit from it.

lan Chappell condemned it in much stronger terms, as did Bobby Simpson, Viv Richards, Clive Lloyd, Dennis Ainiss, Mike Denness, Mike Proctor and even Desmond Haynes (a current opening batsman).

When there was talk about this law last year. Garry Sobers considered it a big joke and could not believe that such a law could ever be passed by anyone who knows anything about cricket.

All the above names felt that the law would do much harm to batting techniques. Batsmen will begin to pre-empt their strokes. For instance, the moment a fast bowler has bowled one bouncer, they will be looking to drive him off the front foot.

The other aspect of the law that the ICC and Mr Swanton have failed to consider is its impact on cricket in the Indian sub-continent. After all, cricket does exist outside England. The pitches there are known to be a batsman's dream.

Most of the wickets are a



TIM ROBINSON (Notts captain): "A captain has the prime responsibility for his team playing within the spirit, but at any level he must play to win. If he has four hostile fast bowlers, fair enough, he should be allowed to make maximum use of his playing resources."

nightmare for fast bowlers, offering neither bounce nor sideways movement. For a fast bowler to have any chance of getting a batsman out, he has to keep varying his length.

One of the greatest fast bowlers of all times, Dennis Lillee, toured Pakistan at the peak of his career and went wicketless in the first two Tests. In the third Test he got three wickets, two of them caught at mid-on and mid-off. Even if a tailender goes on the front foot to a fast bowler, without the threat of a bouncer he will become ineffective on the lifeless wickets.

When I was taken off for intimidatory bowling in Karachi in 1976, the batsman I was supposed to be frightening was Richard Hadlee and he was batting on 60.

Attendances in Test cricket are falling already as people in the Indian sub-continent cannot tolerate draws any more. One-day cricket has made huge gains at the expense of Test cricket, as it ensures results.

The new law will tilt the game in favour of batsmen and increase the possibility of draws. As it is, unless wickets are under-prepared, it is difficult to bowl out teams twice. I also don't agree with Mr Swanton that discipline can be enforced on the cricket field by the ICC making a players' code of coduct or by appointing referees.

Had the ICC bothered to consult the Test captains, they would have realised that unless neutral umpires are appointed this problem can never be solved, according to Bobby Simpson, manager of the Australian cricket team.

The great acrimony between the Australians and the West Indians developed mainly due to the Australians losing confidence in the West Indian umpiring.

I would go so far as to say that the root cause of 90 per cent of all bad behaviour and indiscipline in international cricket is when touring teams feel that they are playing against 13 people—11 players and the two umpires.

If the ICC called a meeting of Test captains and managers, such facts would be likely to emerge.

If captains are supposed to



New Zealand's John Wright faces a bouncar from England's Devon Malcolm

maintain discipline, then at least the ICC should hear the sort of problems they face in enforcing such discipline. Also, if the ICC do not have enough money to appoint an international panel of Test umpires, why not have countries make bilateral agreements whereby they can employ umpires from a third country to supervise the matches?

Pakistan have successfully experimented with neutral umpires and it does not cost that much.

It is obviously much easier for umpires from a third country to enforce Law 42 about intimidatory bowling.



PATRICK EAGAR

#### LAW 42 AND THE ICC INITIATIVE

THE disciplinary procedure under LAW 42 against a player accused of deliberately bowling intimidatory balls allows an umpire to, in the first instant, signal a no ball; repeat the procedure and indicate to the bowler that this is a final warning. Should the warnings prove ineffective the umpire can call a

Should the warnings prove ineffective the umpire can call a no ball "at the first repetition"... direct the captain to take the bowler off forthwith" and "complete the over with another bowler"

The powier cannot bowl again in the same tonings and the timpire must "report the occurrence to the executive of the fielding side and to any governing bady responsible for the match, who shall take any further action which is considered to be appropriate against the howler concerned."

The new ICC law states that if a bowler bowls more than one head-high ball at the same batsman in an over he is given two warnings before he is barred from bowling for the rest of the



MOHAMMED
AZHARUDDIN
(Hampshire and
captain of India): "If
batting is your
profession you should
be good enough to
handle however
much short-pitched
bowling a bowler
gives you."



**GUEST COLUMN** 

# EASY

Viv Richards tries to restrain the ICC who are ganging up to cripple the West Indies' fast bowling strength with the introduction of the controversial bouncer law



VER since we have been on top in Test cricket, there have

been people denigrating us and trying to shift the goalposts in the hope of bringing us down to their level. That is what, it seems to me, has been happening all over again at the recent meeting of the International Cricket Council when they agreed to change the laws regarding bouncers.

The president of our cricket board, Clyde

Walcott, has spoken out against the decision to limit the bowling of bouncers to one an over and I fully support him.

Over the years, West indies have seen a concerted effort to cripple our strength, our fast bowlers. Perhaps one day those countries that hatched the plan to limit bouncers will produce fast bowlers to match ours. Then, no doubt, they will rewrite the rule book once more.

I didn't know, and nor does any batsman worth his salt, that the game needed these changes or that we needed protecting. How many batsmen have been seriously injured or died because of a bouncer? It's just crazy.

In the Caribbean last year, we didn't hear an outcry when Devon Malcolm was bowling at

us. He hardly ever had a mid-off or an extra-cover which shows what the

> Curtly Ambrose rockets one through and the battle is on



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Nobody sees Patrick. But take away the bouncer and he can be handled

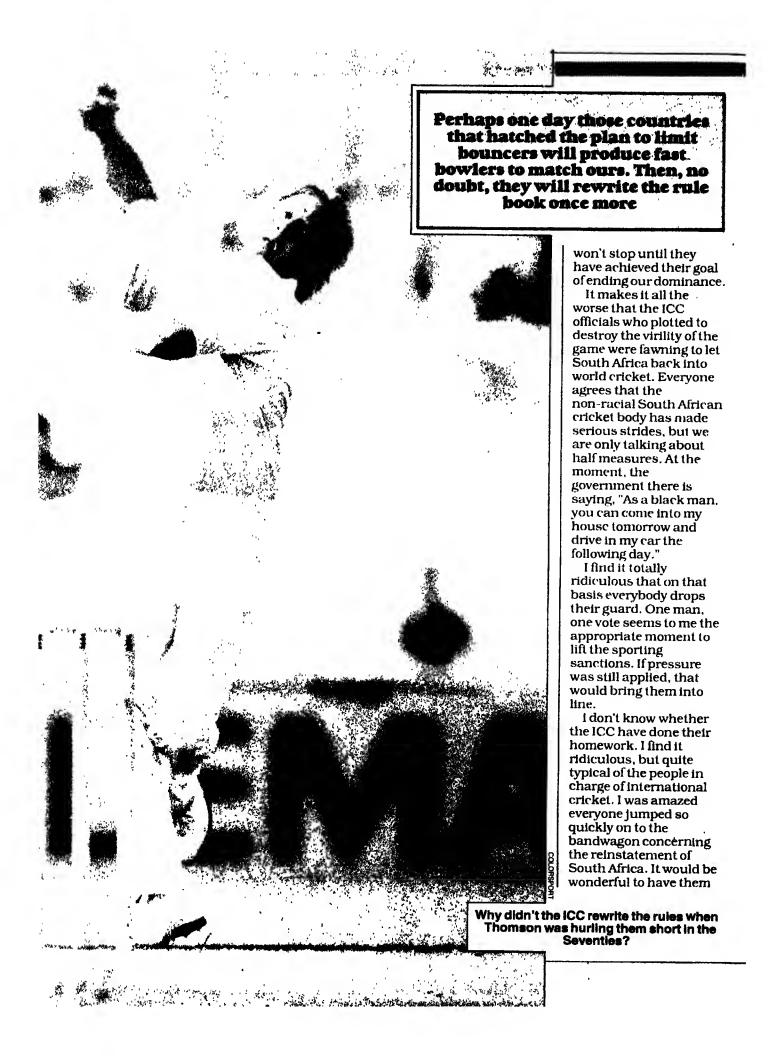
length of his deliveries were.

No-one complained when Lillee and Thomson were firing them in short at us in the 1975-76 series in Australia when we were humiliated 5-1. People then said that we were wimps and cowards and had no guts. But there was no fuss at that time.

Why? Because it was the West Indies who were on the receiving end. There seemed to be a view in these other countries then that it didn't matter: that because we had plenty of practice in our domestic gaine we could handle bumpers. That is absolute rubbish. What has happened is that other countries, jealous of our success, have ganged up to defeat us. not fairly on the field of play but behind closed doors in the safety of their armchairs. And it



I was amazed everyone jumped so quickly onto the bandwagon concerning the reinstatement of South Africa. It would be wonderful to have them back but I have a feeling that something isn't right



#### THE BOUNCER IS A WASTED BALL"

#### An argument on the efficacy of the bouncer law

T IS no surprise that there seems to be a more or less unanimous view among county cricketers that the ICC were mistaken when they agreed to restrict the number of bouncers bowled to one per batsman per bowler.

The sanction is, after all, an artificial, imperfect one. Those who have expressed their views, however, overlook a number of points. The first is that this is an experiment, to be conducted over three years, and only when it has been tried and found wanting should it be condemned. That the present Law 42 is inadequate is as unanimous a view among administrators and spectators as the apparent opinion of players that it is acceptable.

Those who watch can see perhaps more clearly how often the bouncer is a negative. wasted bail off which, on most pitches, the majority of batsmen cannot or do not try to score

runs. A waste of time, in fact.

It becomes a more serious issue than mere boredom, or lack of entertainment, when there is a serious question of physical danger. Imran Khan understandably argues the right for the bowler to unsettle the batsman mentally—put the wind up him, if you will—but the logical conclusion of his argument, with some umpires on some pitches, is anarchy.

I am not suggesting that the game should simply be a bonanza for batsmen. The point that too many professional bowlers miss is that they do themselves a disservice by bowling too short. too often. One look at most pitches at the end of a day of Test or country cricket is enough to show from the red marks in the middle, how many balls are pitched short.

Why are Alian Donald and Wagar Younis the two most successful bowlers in country cricket this season? To answer that, it is because they bowl like the wind is only half the point. They also pitch the ball up, seeking and gaining most of their wickets by bowling out

batsmen, lbws and slip catches.

Batsmen have been hit since Hambledon days: cricket is, in the non-sexist sense, a manly game and so it always will be. But a vicious and

dangerous one it should never be.

If there is a fundamental difference of opinion. on this matter between those who play the game. professionally and those who, by supporting them as sponsors or spectators, actually pay their wages, let the umpires, who must administer the laws, be the arbiters.

**Christopher Martin Jenkins** 

back but I have a feeling that something isn't right.

Cricket should look into this further and ensure that human rights are not still being eroded. I hope they deal with those sensitive areas rather than the pettiness of bumpers.

Because of the ways of the cricket administrators trying to cripple the strength of our people, they are cricket. We've had evidence of that in one-day cricket because some umpires could not get the bumper rule right.

going to mar this game of

There are surely more

important matters to be put right than trying to undermine the ability of a country just because it is the top dog. They won't destroy us though. In the end class is permanent, while form is only temporary. The pygmies

of today will still be the little men tomorrow.

Regardless of what happens, people find ways of getting round it. Certain rules are made to be broken. History teaches us that.

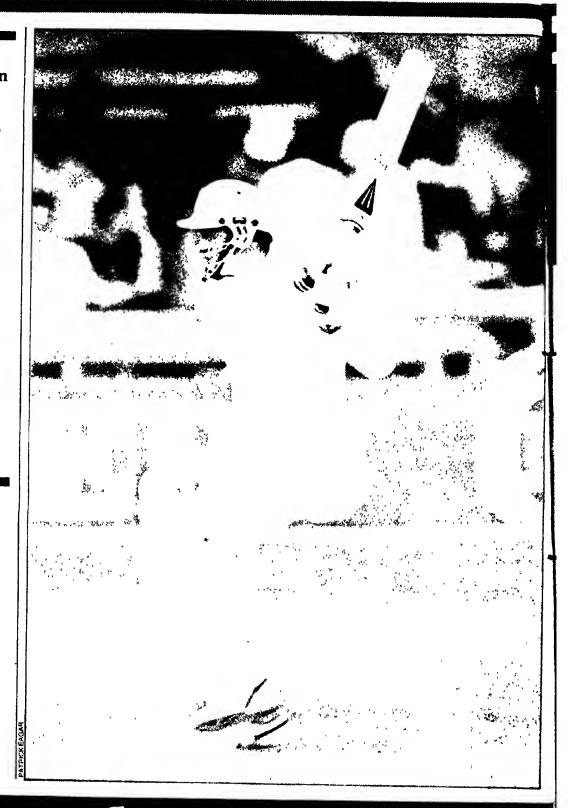
I won't wear a helmet

but I've taken my share of blows and I've been hit on the head. I don't give a thought to the possibility of death or serious injury while I'm out in the middle, but the chance always exists. In some quarters here I suspect there was quite a lot of glee when England were in the Caribbean in 1990 and people could see on television the ball flying at my head

But you will never hear me complain. I'll leave that to the men in the committee room. Deliah robbed Samson cutting off his hair, but the ICC men won't do that to us.

There are surely more important matters to be put right than trying to undermine the ability of a country just because it is the top dog. They won't destroy us though. The pygmies of today will still be the little men tomorrow

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Graeme Hick: apocalyptic Test summer?

#### Apocalypse Now

# FRANK KEATING COLUMN

RAEME HICK can take some consolation from his, so far. apocalyptic Test match summer. So can Michael Atherton and Allan Lamb.

Such an abysmal run of scores can happen to the very best.

For instance Hick's sad trot in seven Test innings this year—6. 6. 0, 43, 0, 19 and 1 (aggregate 75, av. 10.71)—looks positively rosy put against one of the game's all-time hall of famers 40 years ago.

In eight Test innings for England against Australia in 1950-51, the onliest Denis Compton scored 3, 0, 0, 23, 5, 0, 11 and 11 (agg. 53, av. 7.57).

Then Denis came home, hit a brilliant century against South Africa in the first Test of the 1951 summer, and scored three more hundreds, plus a

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double century, in Tests before his gammy knee forced him to retire.

Even more comfort for young Hick in the early record of Compton's famous Middlesex and England "twin." Bill Edrich.

In his first two series 11938 v Australia, and the following winter v South Africa) Edrich started off 5, 0, 10, 12, 28, 12, 4, 10. 0, 6, and 1 (agg. 88, av. 8). He had been going in further down the order with each successive flou. At the twelfth time of asking, England's captain, Wally Hammond, on a whim at Durban in the "Timeless Test" promoted him to No. 3. Bill hit a glorious 219- -and well over a decade later was still England's brave and valiant first wicket down. Here is another list of

successive scores which might also give heart to England's top order batting ballast as they prepare tremulously to face up to the West Indian's mercilessly-brilliant-pacebarrage again at The Oval 0, 3, 4, 13, 4, 46, 0, 45, 16. 70, 25, 19, 7, and 16.
Those are the runs
Vivian Richards, the
accepted master of his
generation, has scored in
competitive matches for
the Leeward Islands
against Barbados since
1979. A single
half-century in 14
innings, at an average of
20. And Barbados, we all
know, have produced the
finest and most deadly fast
bowlers of the age.

Hick might also take some consolation from the words of Sir Donald Bradman. Denis Compton once told me that at the end of that awful trot of his in Australia 40 years ago, he approached The Don for advice.

Said the great man:
"Have confidence in your talent, and patience in your confidence. When you lose confidence you play across the line, and root your feet to the crease like trees. Patience equals

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When you lose confidence you play across the line."

confidence equals footwork—equals a pile of centuries."

It was to work at once in Compton's case. In Hick's too, ere long, one has no doubt. ●



Denis Compton: benefited from the Don's advice

?...Not Yet, Hick





# THE MANINTHE DOWS

RODNEY MARTIN.
winner of the World
Open, has been walking
in the shadows of his
more celebrated peers in
the squash circuit, and
the reality that he had
yet to win a major squash
title made him a very
desperate man. Despite
being considered one of
the game's most talented
sons, he often burnt out
at the final moment.

Therefore, trying to read his state of mind or level of form has been like trying to find your way through a labyrinth. It has been said that the 25-year-old is so gifted that he is the envy of his juniors, simply because he plays a brand of attacking squash, better known as 'taking the bull by its horns'. But more often than not he has been gored by the bull because of his desperate tactics.

As is the case with all tremendously talented sportsmen, there is that one chink in their armour and Martin's fault is that he needs to be inspired to put up a great performance. Well, one thing is for certain, at the World Open he was not only inspired but elevated to a level where nothing or nobody could touch him.

**EEDED** FIFTH in an all-star tournament meant nothing. because past records indicate that, Martin was sure to drop off somewhere early along the way because of his fragile temperament. But in the quarter-final match against world No. l Jansher Khan, the matador started his

Controversy
be damned,
a new champion
has emerged
from the
shadows

teasing. There was no stopping the deluge of winners that flowed from Martin's racket, and as Jansher admitted ruefully after the match. "Rodney, as always is a very difficult player to cope with. Everyone knows that when his strokes are coming, he can upset any top player. During our match he just kept attacking and didn't let up. Usually there gets a stage when he starts to miss his strokes as he goes for the inch-perfect

kill. That has lost him many matches in the past, but tonight it was different." The score line read 15-8, 15-7, 15-9 and the demolition had taken only 38 minutes.

On the other side, Jahangir Khan, with 10 British Open titles to his name, still maintained his confounding magic. Ross Norman of New Zealand another victim of his lethal art. Although Norman at 32 is four years older than Jahangir Khan, he has played less than Jahangir over the last five years and Jahangir joking about that said. 'He hadn't been under the same kind of pressure like me during these past five years. That makes me older!" Jahangir's performance that night proved that the pressure he has been under for the last five



resounding with the calls of let and arguments with the referee. It was less of a match and more of a traffic jam, with both players constantly in each others way, and as



#### WHAT'S WRONG REF?

ANSHER KHAN'S manager, Greg Hutchings openly admits that he told him to argue with the referee. This is a common practice today and these managers are neither nuisance makers nor nut cases, rather it is an intelligent approach to draw attention to one of the most important problems facing squash today.

Finally this strategy is working because after the World Open in Adelaide, Jahangir Khan commented, "The time has come when all top players feel that a panel of referees who will travel with the circuit is necessary. Otherwise, we get referees, some of whom do not understand top level squash. This is more so when all they have seen are club matches.'

Unfortunately the standard of refereeing around the world has often left a lot to be desired, and with the increase in financial rewards and intense competitive pressure on the players, the man in charge should know the rules and when to impose them. It has been admitted



The final between Jahangir Khan and Rodney Martin was ruthless

that most tournament organisers, nowadays, prefer to take the shortcut and have referees who do not meet up with the standards because of high over head costs.

Although player conduct has deteriorated over the last decade, the referee should not be in awe of the players. He must remember that his word is law, and although mistakes

can be made, a firmer stand has to be taken. The pressures created by constant bickering with the players during a match can only be combated with a greater understanding of the rules of the sport. That comes through experience.

In the next
International Squash
Players' Association
meeting, Jahangir
Khan has said that he
will push for the panel
of referees who will
travel the circuit with
the players.

a result an extraordinary number of lets were awarded. It was a repeat of this year's French and British Open, as both of them have this tendency to be over - aggressive with each other and what happened at Adelaide was a continuation of their animosity on the court. But what ever might have happened, this time around Rodney Martin tamed the charge of the bull.

After the match
Jahangir Khan, never
one for complaining,
said, "It was hard to play
against him because
most of the time he was
disrupting me by
pushing and I couldn't
concentrate on the game.

"I was scared of giving a point away. When I was at the front of the court and trying for a drop shot he was just bumping into me and most times he was getting a let or a stroke on that."

Martin retorted, "I was only running through to the ball and if he steps back in my way I'm not going to stop dead in my tracks. No one can do that if you are running full pelt.

"It was a matter of me trying to get to the ball to show the referee that I had made an effort to get to the ball. You don't show the effort, you don't get the let."

And controversy, be damned, a new champion and a deserving one, finally emerged from the shadows.

Rodney Martin, has proved that the inspiration was there in front of his home crowd and lived up to the reputation of being 'the magician of the modern game.

**A Correspondent** 

#### ADERS QUI

#### QUESTIONS

When 1 • Spiridon Louis won the marathon event in the first modern Olympic games in Athens a barber promised to shave limb free for life and a restamatenr offered him free meals But did Lonis want and who fulfilled his desires?

2. In 1964 to became the In 1964-1 first man ever to win the Olympic marathoritwice 1 was also a bodygnard at the Ethiopian Palace Who am P

3. Identify the New Zealand Identify the athlete who took to rinning to find an ontlet for lus academe failmes and matined into one of the all time er cat middle distance minicis m the period before the 1964 Tokyo Olympics?

4. Common to What is Murray Halberg. Rater Johnson Bill Neider Karoly Takacs Shelly Mann Wilma Rudolph, Walter Davis and Tatyana Kazankina?

American **O**.Olympic hammer throw gold medallist Harold Connolly was a handicapped athlete What was the nature of his disability?

What was Jesse O.Owens greatest athletic performance outside the Olympic Games?

Emancial .(11515 compelled which all time Olympic superstar to run agamst motorcycles horses and dogs?

8. Anchem Hus swimmer was the In st man in the

world to swnn the 100 mts in under one minute. He won five golds in two Olympics and matching with the number of medals married five times Identify him

People don t • remeinber world records. They remember only world champions Who said these words

Which Olympic weightlifter started his career by litting the axles of broken cannages and ended up as the strongest man in the Seventies?

Professional 👃 • boxnig treats a lighter like a commodity to be bought and sold and discarded when he is no longer of use Which three time Olympic heavyweight champion said this while tinning down a two million dollar offer to turn professional?

12. express Limil Zatopek S amqae achievement is still umparalleld nr Olympic history What is it?

13.Jun fliorpe the 1912 Olympic decathlore and pentathlon champion stripped of his gold medals and when were they restored to hnn?

Since 14. Independen ce, only one fudian sportsman has been able to win an individual bronze medal m the Olympic games Who was be and what was his event? 15. Phongh Melbonine Though staged the 1956 Olympic Games the equestrian events were held

somewhere else

Name the venue?

#### ANSWERS

A horse and a cart so that he could carry water from his village and sell it in Athens It was fulfilled by King George of Greece

Abebe Bikila

Peter Snell

They were all handicapped athletes who became Olympic champions

- 5 His left arm was two-thirds the size of his right arm and was totally dead. He had fractured that 13 times as a child and it never healed properly
- 6 He equalled one and bettered live world records within 45 minules in the Big Ten championships in Ann Arbor Michigan

Jesse Owens

Johnny Weissmuller Daley Thompson

10 Vasily Alexeyev

Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba

12 He is the only man to win the long-distance treble 5 000m 10 000m and the marathon in one Olympic Games (1952)

13 Because a reporter pointed out that Thorpe had played professional basketball. His medals were restored in January 1983 by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch

14 In the 1948 London Olympics Maharashtra policeman K.D. Jadhav did it in the freestyle bantam weight wrestling 15 Stockholm

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N August 16. 1987 thousands of mourners in Memphis, Tennesse silently paid homage to Elvis Presley, on the tenth death anniversary of rock'n' roll's most enduring legend. On the same day, miles away on America's West Coast. another set of lans. celebrated the 74th confrontation between two other enduring legends: Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova.

Evert won that semi-final encounter 6-2, 6-1 and though her head-to-head record with Navratilova now stood at 35-39, her victory was of much greater relevance, for it could determine a new passage in tennts history. A young, slim. stunning 18-year-old German girl would play Evert in that final, and if she won, would depose Martina Navratilova as the world No. 1, Her uame? Stelfi Graf

'My father and I were talking about the

ranking before the match", said Grafafter winning "and he said it wasn't possible. After the match he came up to me and said I was No. 1".

And so she was, and would be, till March 1991 when another young, slim, sturming, girl, this one 17 years old and Yugoslav would depose her. Her name: Monica Seles.

On August 5, 1991, cleven days before Elvts Presley's 14th death anniversary, again on America's West coast another tennis match of historical relevance was played. Monica Seles versus Jennifer Capriati in the finals of the Mazda



Tennis Classic II Seles lost. Steffi Graf would become No. 1 again, which is exactly what happened. The wheel had come full circle.

If there is a subtle

element of coincidence tu Graf's ascension in 1987 and then in 1991. there is some absurdity too. In 1987 Graf became No. 1 by 7/10ths of point, a rather tenuous

#### Top 10 Rankings (Monday, August 5, 199)

1) Steffi Graf

2) Monica Seles 3) Gabriela Sabatini

4) Arantxa Sanchez

5) Martina Navratilova

6) Mary Jo Fernandez

7) Conchita Martinez

8) Jennifer Capriati.

9) Jana Novotna

10) Mariuel Maleeva-Fragni

margin, yet if the computer can explain that, it will have a tougher time convincing lay people how Graf could become No. 1 in 1991 by Seles losting, not to her but somebody else. Confusing, what?

The computer of course ts beyond conversation (though nowadays you can't be too sure) but the WTA (Women's Tennis Association) does have an explanation, A players points last on a computer for only one year-t.c. 52 weeks. So if a player (e.x. Seles) wins a tournament in August 1990 and carns 250 points, then during the corresponding period in August 1991 those points will be fall off the computer. So Seles, not having been able to win

Steffi Graf is back where she belongs



Top 10 Money Earners

(Monday, August 5 1991)

1) Monica Seles \$967,758

2) Gabriela Sabatini \$828,671

3) Steffi Graf \$807,336

4) Arantxa Sanchez \$523.627 5) Jana Novotna \$469,094

6) Mary Jo Fernandez \$434,622

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8) Natalia Zvereva \$305,402

9) Gigi Fernandez \$264,953

10) Jennifer Capriati \$264,917

the title against Capriati, did not earn enough points to stay ahead of Graf and thus dropped to No. 2. One vital factor this summer was that Graf won the maximum number of points at Wimbledon by winning, while Seles' no show meant she would not earn even the minimum. Nevertheless, if you re still confused there is no cause for worry-termis pundits then selves have given up on the computer's ranking system.

Graf's pleasure on regaining ber No. 1, spot must be echoed by the WTA, for Seles' much publicised misadventure's have thrown an ugly shadow over the women's tour. Unable to provide a medical certificate in time for missing the Federation Cup, Seles should be ineligible for the Barcelona Olympics, but for superstars, as is well known, rules are eaily bent. She could regain the No. 1 spot by winning the U.S. Open, but a resurgent. confident Graf no doubt has similar ideas of her own.

So perhaps does another young, slim, stunning girl. Her name? Gabriela Sabatini.

Rohit Brijnath

# Land Azhar to f... off

Hyderabad opener ABDUL AZEEM now finds his Ranji career in doubt because of a confrontation he had with Azharuddin

CRICKETER should always avoid any sort of confrontation with his captain because this could jeopardise his career. The captain always finds favour with the authorities. Take the case of dashing

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Hyderabad 31-year-old opener Abdul Azeem, who has represented Hyderabad for the last eleven years (51 Ranji matches; career best was 303 against Tamil Nadu in 1986 and can also take credit for giving his team 114 rur.s in the Ranjt final victory against Delhi in 1987). Never during all these years has Azeem been in the bad books of his captains he has played under; whether it was Ajit Wadekar, Gundappa Viswanath, Shivlal Yadav and many others both in his bank and Ranji teams. Surprisingly, the issue which now seems to be jeopardising Azeem's career, involves Indian and Hyderabad captain Mohammed Azharuddin

The story goes back to Hyderabad's Ranji Trophy quarter final against Bihar at Ranchi this year. It was here where the Azhar-Azeeni controversy began. The Press naturally took the India skipper's side without apparently taking Azeem's side of the story. When Azeem came to witness the Lebanon-Syria pre-Olympic soccer match at the Lal Bahadur Stadium this correspondent approached him to find out his side of the story. Initially he was a bit hesitant but gradually began to come out with the story.

Hyderabad were chasing Bihar's first innings total of 208-not a big total for Hyderabad to catch. Opener Azcem after getting out to Hari Gldwant for 78 runs off 74 balls (not a bad score), felt quite disappointed for he had "planned his tunings."

"I wanted to give the team a good start because the wieket was very bad and therefore tried to acquire the most runs with the new ball. I was honestly playing for the team and not for myself as Azhar accused me of." says Azeem. "When I was back in the pavilion Azhar scolded me as he thought that I was only interested in



playing for myself....and that I was out to a bad shot."

Don't forget Arshad Ayub and myself are the senior most players in the Hyderabad team. (both of us made our debut against Bengal tn '79). Azhar should have been more careful with how he behaved towards us. And don't tell me that the rest of the team couldn't notch up the remaining 90-odd runs with 9 wickets in hand. To Azhar I may have been out cheaply, but how much did he contribute? Only 10 runs."

"One wonders why Azhar had to pick on me. I was sipping a glass of water after my knock and he kept on nagging me, but I kept silent. I controlled myself. But then I began to get irritated and told him what are you cribbing about?" Azhar replted: "What do you think of yourself? Is this the way to bat?"

"This angered me and I bluntly told Azhar that he needn't tell me how to play. I've played enough cricket. As it is I missed my century and got upset about it. But Azhar satd that I played goolle danda and not for the side. I was furious and told him to just f...off."

Nothing happened thereafter. Nobody enquired about the incident. "On my part I kept quiet and didn't bother to take up the issue with the manager. But Azhar had something else in mind. He complained to the manager and the punishment was that I was disbarred from playing the Ranji senus against Bombay which we lost."

The disciplinary committee headed by former Indian Skipper Ghulam Ahmed, called for a peace parley. But according to Azeem, Azhar was not ready to compromise, "whereas I was ready to patch it up" said Azeem.

Azhar, it seems, still wants that action be taken against Azeem. What is perturbing according to Azeem—is that: "When as a junior Azhar played under me he always sought my advice." But the once 'Azeem bhaf has now become an enemy. "Being the India captain he should behave in a more sensible manner. He did a very cheap thing. It's unbecoming of a captain," says Azeem.

In such an explosive situation will Abdul Azeem find a place in the State team for the next Ranji fixtures?

"I have already scored three centuries in the local league. That is I'm playing well and that should find me a place in the Hyderabad team."

Inshaallah.

Subhash Sercer, Hyderabad

SHIVLAL YADAV

## "I told Kapil not to where to bow!"

SPORTSWORLD: It seems you are gathering piayer support around you to challenge the present Hyderabad cricket establishment. We gather that you are going to contest for the Jt. secy or the secretary's post of the Hyderabad Cricket Association?

SHIVIAL YADAV: Let me put this very clearly. As per our constitution we can contest for a officer bearer's post only if we have served one term as a member of the executive committee. I certainly have my ambitions, but then I'll have to wait till May 92 when the elections will be held. I only want to remain in the game—in the administrative side—maybe as a Jt. secretary or the treasurer. I would like to contribute to cricket from any angle.

What about your so called 'breakaway' campaign? Have you begun canvassing for next year?

This is relatively a new thing for me because when I started as a cricketer it was quite difficult for me to campaign for the right group. Like the players panel who opposed the ruling bodies. But as things stand at the moment most of the past (1988 players) and the current lot have got together and decided to support me. This has given me a lot of confidence to convince the secretaries of the other affiliates of the HCA. That should give me the edge. But mind you I only got into contesting for office after retiring.

What then could be the main reason for you to fight the elections. Are there any particular reasons? Like getting involved in the construction work of the stadium to be built at Secunderabad in which there is huge money involved?

Rubbish. I have nothing to do



with the building of the stadium which was planned in 83-84. But for some reason or other it did not materialise. Right now things seem to be moving in the right direction.

You once had a tiff with Kapii Dev?

You once had a tiff with Kapii Dev?
Remember, you never played for India
after that?

Oh, that was a minor issue. You can ignore it. But since you insist well... I was playing my last Test match at Bangalore in 1987 where the wicket was turning with the result that scoring of runs were slow. Both Kapii as captain and me as the leading off spinner were under pressure. He wanted me to get wickets quickly. It so happened that while Kapil was fielding at backward shortleg he was often pointing at me where to bowl at the time of my run up. Then Rameez Raja was clean bowled by me and 1 went up to Kapil and told him not to tell me where to bowl. And Kapil said 'Okay'. There has never been a misunderstanding between us and we are still very good friends. On that occasion I was a bit irritated, that's all. That it was my last Test was just a coincidence.

Were you given a raw deal as a Test player?

(his reaction to this was quick). Yes. I particularly felt I was given a bad deal after my debut series against Kim Hughes '78/79 Australian team which was a successful one for me. I bagged 25 wickets in five Tests. This was followed by the Pakistani tour of India under Asif Iqbal. Unfortunately, I was underbowled though I played four Tests. I still don't understand why I had been under utilised after doing so well against Australia. I was always under the impression that I would

#### tell me

be droppd in every third Test. 1 particularly felt that when I bowled so well in the 1985-86 Australian series. Three Tests fetched me 15 wickets and I was the highest wicket-taker for India. Then there was a big jolt in store for me. Within a few months, on the tour of England, i didn't get a chance to play in Tests. Mind you, I'd been to England twice and I was meted out the same treatment. I'm yet to figure out what went wrong. In the 82/83 series Suru Naik accompanied the Indian team as a medium pacer and astonishingly he was asked to bowl spin in the final Test at the Oval (in which Gavaskar broke his shin), while l. being a regular spinner, was made to see the tamasha. The same thing occurred on the following away jour against England, Inever got a fair deal in one-dayers also.

Why did you quit Ranji Trophy when you were doing well?

The main reason was I felt that if I'm not going to find a place any more in the Indian squad what was the point of me showing all the fireworks. It's better to give the youngsters the scope to prove their mettle. Although to the 1989-90 season—I took 28 wickets. I wasn't interested. But the departure from first class cricket was quite rewarding, having scored 97 not out, I called it a day.

You seem to be in good form this season. Are you thinking of making a come-back into the state side?

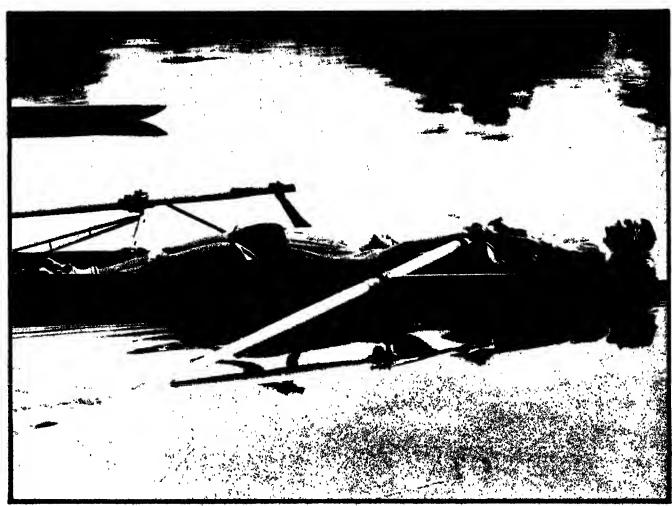
You crazy. No comebacks, please. Enough is enough. I only play for the Syndicate Bank in the local league. And I still play and enjoy the game as I did earlier.

Interviewed by Subhash Sarcar, Hyderabad



#### A THOUSAND WORDS

A tired celebration at the National Rowing Championships



N Rajendran/Scorp News







#### **EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW**

## GOTCH

You've often been described as a 'living legend', 'an institution', 'the man who has given himself to tennis' and all that. How do you react to all this praise?

I don't really worry about it. Only because I'm still trying to go out and produce good tennis and a tennis that is equal to my standards. As long as I am trying to do that, I can't pay much attention to what people say or what they've said. If it's good, OK. If it's not good, I can't do anything about it. But as long as I am playing the game, I try to give off my best.

Agreed. But at times don't you think the expectation is too high? For instance, your third round match against Rostagno. Even when you were two sets down, the crowd was expecting you to turn the match around. For every point you won they were doing the 'Mexican Wave' which was totally alien to Centre Court, or that matter, Wimbledon culture...

Believe me, I'm still trying. Trying very hard. That's the whole idea behind playing tennis. You go out and try to produce your best tennis everytime. You know, people for the last twenty years have

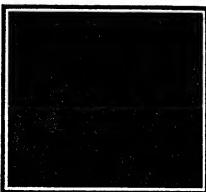
begun to expect a certain level of tennis from me and that's what I am

still trying to produce for them. As long as they come out to watch me, I shall go on trying to produce it.

There is a school of thought, that by playing at 39, you're not only proving a point to the outside world but also to yourself. Is that true?

Well, I'm not really worried about who I'm proving any point to. I am playing the game I enjoy playing, the game that I love to play. I don't have to prove anything

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to anybody.

I've done all that before. And (in the course of that) probably gone way above my own expectations, throughout the course of my career. So if I am still trying to prove something, after all these years, then something must be wrong somewhere!

You said, you probably went above your expectations? What were your expectations?

It's probably best for me to keep it that way (very emphatically). You are commonly believed to be the greatest fighter tennis has ever seen. How did you develop this fighting spirit? This never-say-die attitude? I think that's born and bred in me a little bit. To the point that when I went out, not only did I try to play my best tennis, but I also tried to give the people what they came for. They, meaning the people, who would come and watch tennis never came to see anybody quit. That's also the last thing I ever wanted to do. As far as my tennis goes I wanted to go out there and fight and do what it takes to win every match. The more I did that as a youngster coming up, the more it got into me. To the point that when I first turned pro it was part of me. There are obviously many players who wish to emulate your fighting spirit. What would be your advice to them? I don't give any advice to anybody. You know, I used to give some advice and it caused me more problems than it was worth. As far as that part goes (emulating the fighting spirit) i don't think you can teach that. You either have it or you don't. I can tell my kids, become gutsy, never give up on the court and all that. But again, it's a question of whether they have it in themor not.

There are varying opinions as to whether the standard of tennis has improved or not. One group says it has, the other says it hasn't...
What do you say (laughs)?

I used to think that the standard had improved. But since the French Open I am little sceptical about it. When an 18 – year-old Michael Chang, on his favourite surface, struggles to beat a semi-retired 38-year-old Connors, then you tend to conclude that possibly the standard hasn't improved Only the equipment has become better.

I think the equipment has changed the game an awful lot. I think, everybody who plays the game now is a great player. Which is good for me because I'm still out there trying to play, and if I, a<sub>I</sub> 38-year-old, has a chance to beat these great players, that's even better.

But honestly do you think the standard has improved?

Well, I'm still trying to play. so I can't comment on that. I think, that's more or less for you (the press) or the people who watch the game to judge. I can only tell you that my game has stood up for twenty years. It has lasted so long and I still enjoy putting it on the line against the great players of today. If my game holds up to that



Now call it amazing.
You call it I don't agree I say that't my job and I enjoy that't my



strength, it's pretty good I guess. There are many who tend to think that power tennis is a myth. In the sense that the whole thing has been blown out of proportion. Do you agree with this observation?

Tennis is power tennis now, because the equipment has made it that way. The players are bigger. They are stronger. With oversized rackets, they even hit the ball harder. But it has taken away a lot of the grace and elegance out of the game. The grace that Nastase once had...the grace that McEnroe once had...the touch and the feel ... all that seems to have gone. So I don't know whether that's good enough But in the final analysis I guess. you get what you put into it. There is no doubt that these oversized rackets have moved the game to another level. So you'll have to go with it.

You hardly play any topspin and still prefer the flat style of yesteryears. Now if you had started your career in the 1990s or say ten years from now would you have changed your game to make it topspin oriented?

I like the way I play (laughs). I wouldn't have changed it. No. You must understand, I don't change my game to suit the style, I changed the style to suit my game. That's the way I like to play, that's the way I was taught to play, that's the way I had my best results. I think, now my game has held up under topspin, it has held up under flat strokeplay, it has held up under all kinds of game. That's the credit to people who taught me how to play. And that's been my mother and my grandmother.

Many players have found it difficult to maintain their intensity level once they got married and had children. Why didn't this apply to you as well? I didn't get married and have children to use them as an excuse for losing my intensity. I think a lot of guys do that. They lose their intensity and then use their family as the reason why. I didn't do that. I would rather say that my family gave me something more to go out there in the middle and continue to fight. They encouraged me to play the best tennis possible. They were never a deterrent.

How difficult is it to become a Connors?

I think, anyone can become a Connors, though there is just one. Like there is one McEnroe, there is one Nastase.

Let me put it this way. How difficult is it to become a top player?

It's a one in a billion shot. There is only one No. 1. Of all the people that play tennis in the world there is only one guy, who can claim at a given time that yes, I am No. I Unless you're being satisfied with No. 10 or No. 20, then you've a much better chance. But then



Connors' 11 year old son Brett watches his father practice

there is just only one, No.1 and that's the reason why I got into the game. To try and become the No.1. And you know that shot from me was like anybody else—one in a billion. I was lucky not to fail. You were No.1 for more than four years. In two stages. How difficult was it to maintain your supremacy? Oh, that was the greatest part of it.

I didn't get married and have children to use them as an excuse for losing my intensity. I think a lot of guys do that. They lose their intensity, and then use their family as the reason why Once you get to No. 1 you've got to hold onto it. I never felt any pressure. On the contrary, that was enough motivation for me. You know, everytime I walked out on the court everybody was trying to beat Jimmy Connors because he was the best player in the world. That was my fun to defend my title. As long as I defended it, for four years or so, it was great fun. Everybody says, it's great pressure. Agreed there's pressure on you, but it's more fun. At the top how much is your talent

worth? Or is it your mind that is more important?

I think everybody in the top thirty or forty has the talent necessary to be a great player. The game is 99 per cent mind and one per cent game.

Vijay Amritraj has mentioned in his autobiography, that your game is like the movie 'Rocky'. You see it once and you're not satisfied. You go and see it time and again...

That's awfully nice. Vijay has been a friend of mine for a long time but for him to say that...It's quite a compliment to me. Hopefully over the last twenty years that's why people have come to watch me. Because of my style, because of my attitude, because of the way I played, because of the way I gave it to the game. And if they continued to come out and watch me playing tennis that's even better.

Whenever you step onto the court, are you always concious of the entertainment factor?

No, I think that's all natural. Whatever happens is all natural and that possibly shows that I appreciate people coming and watching me play. And this also shows that I enjoy the game.

For the last two decades you've played against so many great players. Who would you choose as the greatest?

(Pauses). That's really unfair, because I've played against three generations of players. I've played against the Lavers, the Newcombes and the Rosewalls...then I went to the Borgs and the McEnroes and the Lendls...and now I am playing

Still entertaining after all these years



Connors outside the NBC broadcasting box at Wimbledon

against the Agassis and the Beckers and the Edbergs. So it's really a unfair question to ask me right now, until I absolutely stop playing. Then I'll be able to give you a better answer.

Where do you go from here? I mean that, within two to three years you'll obviously stop playing. After that... It's not obvious. That 'obviously' is not a good word (slightly irritated). Ok, let me put it this way. How do you propose to keep the adrenalin flowing once you decide to retire? Oh, I don't know. Well, that's a good question (smiles). I think, the best thing for me would be to take

one day at a time. Like what I had always done in the past and not put any excess pressure on myself. Good thing is that I feel, I need something...when my tennis is over ... so that I can work on that as I did in my tennis. And if I can find something like that, things would be okay for me. I enjoy work. Work has been a part of my life from the very beginning and I worked at my tennis as much as I worked at becoming a good father, a good husband. My whole life has centered around work. So if I can find something which is as enjoyable as being out there on the tennis court, I will be a pretty lucky

You're currently doing a stint with the NBC, as their expert commentator.

How much do you enjoy your work? I am enjoying it very much. We've had lot of fun. Everybody talks and discusses tennis, we get along very well with each other, very cordial relations. There is a lot of downtime too. Waiting for the matches to begin and then the stoppage due to rain and all. But then that's all part of it. I would say it's really exciting. As an NBC commentator how would

As an NBC commentator how would you assess Bjorn Borg's chances of staging a comeback?

Well. I didn't see his match at the Monte Carlo Open (where he lost in the first round), but (pause, for a while) I guess, eight years is possibly too long a time.

During your long playing career, did you ever have any problems with the press or did they always dance to your tune?

There were plenty of problems. There were both good problems and bad problems. But nothing that couldn't be worked out.



Connors was as popular as ever at this year's Wimbledon where he was player and commentator

What were the bed problems like?
Well, in the beginning we didn't understand each other that well. I am talking about the very beginning of my career.
Unfortunately, there was a lot of mis-interpretation on both sides.
They didn't understand me, I didn't understand them. And because of that, relations were soured. But it has worked out, it is allright now.

You mean to say whatever animosity had developed, that's all gone?

I never really had any animosity 1 had ill feelings towards some of them as they had towards me But 1 never had any animosity No What are the advantages and

What are the advantages and disadvantages of being Jimmy Connors?

There are not really any disadvantages At the same time I can't think of too many advantages either I play tennis for a living I go to my job like everybody else My job happens to be playing tennis I enjoy my tennis I enjoy my job I just see myself as someone who goes to work everyday

But then I guess, you can't have much of a private life. Wherever you go, you are bound to get recognised, 'Hey, that's Connors...'

Well, all that's part of it too But my private life is my private life 1 always kept it in the background (my family and so forth) I've



enjoyed it that way That's probably one reason why I had disagreements with the press in the old days As far as recognising me in the street goes, if you do that, it's good To me it would mean, I've done my job well It means in the past twenty years whatever I did you were appreciating it But if you don't, that's all right too

Supposing tomorrow you were to start life again. Would you go about it the same way?

I would do it the same way I've enjoyed working at tennis I loved spending time on it. But if I were to live again, possibly I'd do a few things differently

What are those?

I don't think, you need to know that For that matter nobody else needs to know that But it's important for me to know

Tenniswise, would you have done it differently?

No I think, I had most out of the talent that God gave me And because of the way I played. because of my attitude, the way I fought every match sometimes I tend to think that I possibly got more out of my talent than maybe what I should have No, I won't do anything differently with my game that's for sure

What would you say was the single most important factor behind your success? A burning desire to succeed? Talent? A very supportive family structure?

I think, a lot of things go to make a success The way I had worked at my tennis along the way, the way I had listened, the way I was taught, the way I went about it till I reached a certain level All that after a certain level one has to take over within one self and make the best out of what one can do My attitude and upbringing came out in the way I played and that's the way I liked it

Was there any special motivation process for you during a big tournament or before a big match? No Just get out and do it There was nothing else I did I just went out and played There was nothing more exciting for me at that time to go out and play that match That was the only thing I had to do That was the only thing I wanted to do So I just gave it my best effort

But, isn't it difficult to maintain a 'Give your best all the time' attitude day in and day out?

Yes, it is difficult But that's my job
It is a baseball player's job to play
baseball It is a soccer player's job
to go out there and play as
consistently as he can I had
always looked at it that way That's
my job I have to do it somehow

May be. But when it is spaced out over a twenty year playing career, then it is amazing...

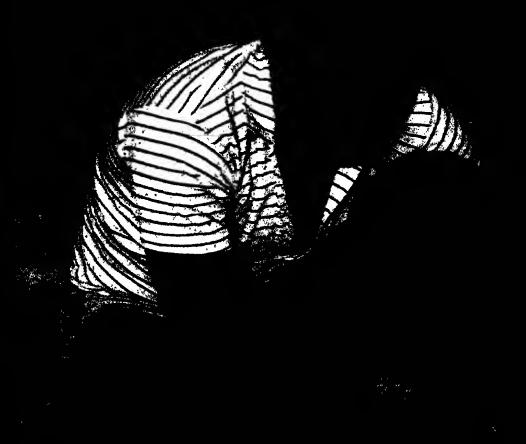
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ANALYSIS

Pargat Singh was voted the player of the tournament



**AZLAN SHAH HOCKEY** 

#### SHOCK VALUE

Somewhat underestimated, Pargat Singh and his men won the tournament in great style, shaking Indian hockey out of its slumber



Pargat Singh and Jagbir Singh: India's wonder boys

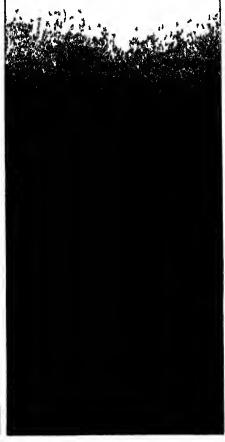
ALAISHEN SINGH and his boys have done India proud by winning the Azlan Shah hockey tournament at Ipoh last fortinght. Winning in hockey was quite a habit with the Indian teams in the days gone by. But since the last decade and a half it has been a frustrating experience for hockey lovers to see the team lose time and again.

So many times we thought that hidian hockey was on the come back trail but every time they flattered to deceive. The last golden era was from 1963 to 1966-67 when we won the Lyons.

tournament 1963 Tokyo Olymptes 1964 Hamburg tournament 1966 and Astan Games 1966 In fact during that period we never lost a tournament and after that we only won the 1975 World Cup and the 1980 Moscow Olymples We did win the Azlan Shah hockey tournament in 1985 but never the World Cup Asian Games Olympics or Champions Frophy

We did though have many great players during the last 20 years or so To name a few, Aht Pal Surnt Ashok Kumar Mervyn Fernandes The most important factor is that the team conceded only one goal in five matches.... and goalkeeper Ashish Balal has done extremely well





Much of the credit for the success of the team must go to the experienced and genial team-coach Balkishen Singh



The Indian team have something to be proud of at last

Mohd. Shahid, Zafar Iqbal, Michael Kindo, Govinda and so many others, but we could not show the results. The main thing lacking was consistency.

This time Pargat Singh and his team have again shown us a ray of hope by winning the Ipoh tournament quite convincingly and with authority. I must admit that except for Pakistan and the Soviet Union the opposition was not very strong, but the Indian team won every match and the most important factor is that they conceded only one goal in 5 matches. I have always emphasised that it is the defence which has been letting us down on astroturf, and if we go through India's previous performances, it is quite evident that we always conceded the maximum number of goals.

Another thing for the team to be proud of, is the conversion of penalty corner goals by Jagdev





Singh (son of Piara Singh of Indian Navy and 1962 Asian Games Jakarta games player).

Much of the credit for the success of the team should go to the experienced and genial team coach. Balkishen Singh. A fine fellow with a wonderful sense of humour. Balkishen has this great ability to mix easily with his players, cracking jokes and happy to be one of the boys.

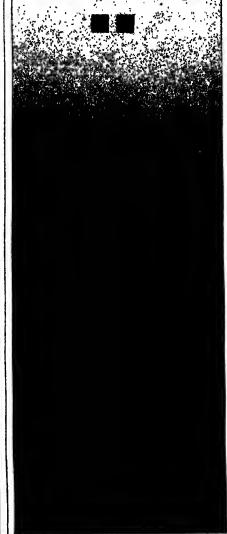
I have known "Bal", as we always affectionately call him, for quite a long time. We played against each other in many Nationals, he for Indian Railways and myself for Bengal from 1957 to 1961. Then we came into contact at the 1959-60 Indian coaching camp for the 1960 Olympics, when we were probables. Three years later in 1963 I was playing for India and he was a coach at N.I.S. Patiala.

Then in 1966, Bal was our coach to Hamburg while I was captaining India. We won that tournament where we played all the best teams in the world—Pakistan, West

Natty coach Baikishen Singh (on right in cap) has done an impressive job



Jude Felix has shifted from the traditional inside right position to the centre half position and has fitted well into coach Balkishen's scheme of things



## "I Am Confident We Will Be In Barcelona"

Indian hockey captain Pargat Singh spoke to Sundeep Misra after the victory at Ipoh

WEAF pouring down his face. Pargat Singh sat on the team bench signing autographs as fans from the little town of Ipoh lined up for the signature of the player of the tournament, india had just be iten the Soviet Union in its last match of the round robin league of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, the win ensuring the Cup for india.

Even after the ians had left Pargat sat a smile playing on his hips It had been satisfying tourna ment, a job well done. The captain had left by

cxample

Match after match Pargat had stood there like a rock defying opponents who tore into the Indian circle only to be met with a stick that magically took the ball away. Yet now he found time to give his views on the nicet

Excerpts from the interview

As captain how do you feel after winning the Azian Shah tournament?

Since coming here I knew that if the indian team played to potential they could win the



Cup I am really proud that the boys did it They played brilliant hockey especially against Pakistan where everything clicked. Lacry member of the team fought for the ball. I just hope we keep on wimning and play our best in the Olympics.

Are you confident of qualifying for the Olympics? I don't understand why the media kicked up such a row over the qualifying issue. Well we lost to Pakistan in the Asian Games final and so had to qualify. But qualifying doesn't mean that we are finished. Take Holland lor example, they had to qualify for the 1990 World Cup, and they went on to win the World Cup. We have beaten the Soviets. Malaysia and New Zealand here and those terms will be the best in the qualifying, so we are confident but not complacent. The other teams may not be skilled but everybody will be there with qualifying in mind. But it am confident that we will be in 18 nection in

Where do you think the improvement has been after the Europe tour and the win here?

What we lacked was international exposure We played the best in Europe and believe me, we played on equal terms. The matches we lost were due to lapses in concentration. But right now our team is playing to potential in the inid field where Sukhjeet Singh, and Shakeel Ahmed have given a tremendous display. The forwards have created openings with Mukesh Kumai being the pick of the lot and then we have improved in penalty corner conversions. In fact, Jagdey Singh, has been outstanding in the defence as well as in the penalty corner conversion.

But the main improvement has been mentally. We are now prepared to play and win. The team is ready to attack. We had lost that confidence but now the team is raining to go.

Pargat, you got two yellow cards in the match against Korea. Only due to the ruling of the technical delegate were you allowed to play the next match against Pakistan. How did you feel sitting on the bench, suspended, thinking that the next match was with Pakistan?

I think I better make one thing clear The first yellow card was fair I shouldn't have charged the way I did But the second was not right I shouldn't have been shown the yellow

Germany, Holland etc. When I took over as coach for the 1976
Montreal Olympics, Bal was the chief coach at N.I.S. where our final camp was held. He helped me immensely there in training the boys and most of the time we worked as a team. Next Bal was appointed as coach of the 1980 team which won the gold medal. And then finally we came together, me as the manager and he as a coach for the 1983 Champions Trophy at Karachi.

Technically one thing is very clear about Balkishen's coaching — he has the capacity and willingness to change his thinking, conception and strategy to suit the changes that have come about with the advent of artificial surfaces. This is not true of many other coaches who have trained India since the era of artificial surfaces.

In 1966-68 Bal was a firm believer in our old vintage hockey style, but after the introduction of artificial surfaces he has been trying different formations. Now he finally seems to have settled for 4 forwards, 4 halves and 2 full backs

Even in 1983-1984 we were playing with two centre halves i.e. lardeep in an advanced position and Joachim Carvalho in the delensive position. The only problem with Balkishen Singh in

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his days as a coach was that, the players he had with him then, had all been essentially grassy ground players and it was quite difficult for them to change to the 4-4-2 formation suitable for artificial surfaces. But now, the new, younger lot are more conducive to Balktshen's coaching and should be able to adapt easily to his strategy of "Total Hockey." As he has very rightly emphasised, he is not looking for any specific position players but wants all-rounders who can attack and defend at all times and can play all positions on the left or right.

Ashish Balal has done extremely well by conceding only one goal in the entire tournament. Pargat continues to be the back-bone of the team, and has been our best defender after Surject and M. Kendo in the last 20 years or so. Jagdev is young but as per the reports, has also come of age. Earlier I did not think unich of his defence but with his success in penalty corner conversion he seems to have strengthened his position.

Our main find has been the young though inexperienced half line—Harpreet, Sukhjeet. Jude Felix and Shakeel Harpreet and Shakeel seem to have done well against Pakistan. To contain Wasim Feroz, Shabaz and the rest is quite a job and the two youngsters have done well.

Jude Felix has shifted from the traditional inside right position to the centre half position and has fitted well into coach Balkishen's scheme of things. The forward line does not seem to be that impressive, though Mukesh by all accounts has done well. As 'Bal' has said, he needs two good strikers. He certainly has his point for with only 4 forwards, the field goals will only come if we have fast and hard working strikers who can cover lot of ground and convert the chances which come there way.

All said anddone. I am sure Indta is now on the comeback trail and with the proper training and backing this team is quite capable of not only eastly qualifying for the next Olympics but also of doing well in the Barcelona Olympics.

BY GURBUX SINGH

This time Pargat Singh and his team have shown us a ray of hope by winning. so convincingly

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## The Puskas Potion

THE future of Australian football is currently in the hands of a past master. Now on a mission Down Under to push soccer to its fullest potential in the vast, enormously promising Australian continent, the great Hungarian Ferenc Pushas is making a serious, determined bid to introduce professionalism in the country's game to make it viable and wedded to the path of success.

Puskas is sure that there is a great future for Australia on the world stage. "It's such a great country-so vast, and a nation which has great athletic potential. The only problem is that the soccer infrastructure is still at its very worst here. So, the task before me now is to make the nation aware of its latent, untapped soccer potential, and on the other hand, build an efficient soccer structure,' Puskas said

Making an early impact during his brief stay Down Under during the last two seasons, Puskas has already guided South Melbourne Helias to th ': first national title since 1984. And



Puskas during a training session

encouraged by the success, the legendary Hungarian has agreed to another one year contract with the club.

And now in a revolutionary move, Puskas, along with the nation's leading coaches, is about to introduce full time professionals to the national club competition which is still only for part time players.

And it is entirely to Puskas' credit that a serious move is now afoot to totally revamp the national, league for the 1991=92 season.

In his heyday, they used to say that Ferenc Puskas was the renaissance man of Hungarian football. Maybe, the future will testify to the maestro's contribution to the awakening of yet another football leviathan.

## Tigana's Sad exit

Fellow. In his heyday, he undoubtedly was one of the world's more charismatic players; his contribution to French football has indeed been enormous And yet, Tigana, at the end of such an illustrious career did not quite get the kind of farewell he actually deserved.

In his very last match. Tigana suffered the humiliation of being relegated to the bench as the French club's double hopes died in both the Champion's Cup final and the French Cup final

There, however, was little reason for Tigana to be surprised at the raw deal that he received. In fact, since Goethels took over from Beckenbauer as coach during the winter break, the Mali-born schemer had invariably found himself surplus to requirements and plunged into a verbal warfare with a team chief renowned for never changing his first choice side, unless absolutely necessary.

And once Tigana earned the boss's wrath, he was destined to an unceremonious end to his career, never getting a chance to bid goodbye to his fans standing on the turf that has so often staged his rich soccer repertoire.

## The Riedle Riddle

CELEBRATED German striker Karl Heinz Riedle is passing through difficult times. For all his penchant for hard work, dedication and a strong defiance of the shortcomings imposed on him by his lack of height, Riedle finds the going tough as his goals still remain a distant marage.

Riedle had set himself two targets for 1991. He wanted a UEFA Cup berth, with his Italian club Lazio, and a permanent place in the national team.

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The first target proved elusive as Lazib finished a disappointing 11th in the Italian championship. As for the second, he is still waiting and hoping-almost a year after collecting a World Cup winner's medal in Rome. At Italia '90 Riedle played one full game, plus three as substitute. His penalty in the decisive shootout helped to eliminate England in the semi final.

He had signed for Lazio, in April and moved to Italy immediately after the World Cup for a German

record fee of £ 5.5 million.

The Italians had been impressed by his remarkable strength in the air, even though he stands only five feet ten inches, and his uncanny goal instinct. But Riedle also is technically sound, has pace and a cracking shot.

And Riedle has a reputation for being a whole hogger too. Almost always he goes about his job full throttle, holding nothing back, fully using his sense of opportunism and die hard doggedness.

Yet, the spectre of a premature eclipse from soccer now looms large before his eyes, as failure and unpopularity continue to shadow him so quickly after a happy World Cup outing last summer.

## New Wave In Latin Soccer

If you want any measure of the sea-change that South American football has undergone in recent times, just consider these significant statistics available during the just-concluded prestigious Copa America, the symbol of ultimate supremacy and honour in Latin American soccer.

Only 52 piayers of the 214 registered for the championship were members of their squads at the last one in Brazil two years ago. That gives an idea of the almost complete removation of the majority of the national teams on the continent. And only one coach was still in charge of the same team-Dusan Drascovic of Ecuador, a Yugoslav, who was the only European coach at the tournament.

## The Boys From Brazii

BRAZILIAN footballers have always been known for their excellent sportsmanship, apart, of course, from their magical footballing powers, which have mesmerised the world for many years now. But sadly, the country's journalists have proved to be very bad losers.

Recently, during the Copa America; the Brazilian journalists, who arguably were the most numerous in the tournament, were banned by

none other than their own country's coach Falcao-following the preliminary round loss to Colombia, because they picked fights with the coach and players and turned the Press conferences into a slanging match.



Peter Beardsley: benefitting from the inflation?

## Infiation Hits Soccer

Inflation has led to two costly transfers in Europe. Gnome faced, diminutive England striker Peter Beardsley has left Liverpool for their Merseyside rivals, Everton. The transfer fee is worth i million pounds. Beardsley was searching for a transfer, when his club purchased Welsh strikes Dean Saunders from Derby County. He felt he was not sure of a first team place. Beardsley was linked with Leeds United, Newcastle United and Everton. However, Merseyside rivals, Everton piqued at missing out on Saunders, got Beardsley instead. The other big transfer news is from Germany. Bayern Munich has purchased the Brazilian, midfielder Mazinho from the Italian club Braganito for one million dollars.

## 40 YEARS OF FORMULA ONE RACING

## THE EAST

OOKING back on 40 years of World Championship Grand Prix racing, it seems that every ten years or so an outstanding driver emerges. One who not only leaves his mark in the record book, but does so to such a way that his years in Formula 1 become characterised by his personality. These legendary drivers were not necessarily the most successful, the lastest, or even the most spectacular. But beyond question, they have left an indeltble impresston on Grand Prix racing.

In the years 1950 to 1958, the Argentine driver Juan Manuel Fangio was the man to beat wherever he raced, whatever he drove. His endurance and track

craft were of the highest order, while his ability to be in the right team at the right time was uncanny. He was not always the tastest driver, nor was he the most stylish, but he achieved success by setting the pace from the siart. Farina, Ascari, Gonzalez, Hawthorn and Moss all beat "the old man", as he was affectionately known, but they couldn't dott

consistently enough to stop Fangio from winning the World Championship five times during his eight year spell in the sport's most senior category.

One of my fond memories of Fangio was meeting him on the descreed sea front at Zandvoort on the morning of the 1955 Dutch Grand Prix. I had got up early, before anybody was about, and I left the hotel to go for a quict stroll along the Promenade. Before I had gone iar I saw a familiar face away in the distance, coming towards me: Fangio. He was heavily built and always walked slowly but forcibly, and you could

recognise him a long way off by his distinctive appearance, hence his Argentine nick-name. "El Chueco"—the bandy-legged one!

As he approached, he smiled and raised a hand in friendly acknowledgement and we sat down on a seat and passed the time of day in pidgin-Italian, our only mutual language. He had been walking for an hour in quiet meditation, enjoying the peace and tranquility of the sea and the sand dunes. Mental screnity was an important part of this great man's make-up. That afternoon, while I waiched him dominate the Dutch Grand Prix on the windy Zandvoort circuit, I thought of our morning meeting and found it hard to believe

that it was the same man.

Juan Manuel Fangio,
Jackie Stewart, Jack
Brabham, Niki Lauda,
Alain Prost, Ayrton
Senna... the men who made
the last four decades of
racing so memorable

THE next era was
dominated by Jimmy
Clark, the young
Scottish border farmer
who graduated from
being an amateur club
racer to become one of
the world's greatest
drivers, if not the
greatest of all. Jimmy
never seemed to be
trying to drive fast, he
was so relaxed

and smooth. When he first moved into World Championship racing he was one of four first class drivers, the others being Graham Hill, Dan Gurney and John Surtees.

For a time there was little to choose between them, but gradually Clark rose above the other three to a pinnacle of excellence that stretched far beyond Formula 1 racing. It was not so much a question of what he won, but the way he won. If everything was in order, he would win with consummate ease, leaving everybody else far behind. If conditions were poor, or his car gave him trouble, he would still win, looking

calm and unruffled.

His working relationship with Lotus boss Colin Chapman was a halcyon period in Formula I which is held dear. I once said to Colin: 'If you designed a racing car with square wheels. what would Jimmy do?' His reply was instantaneous: 'He'd drive it faster than anything else, because he knows I'd have a good reason for doing it. When I taxed Jimmy with the same question, he laughed and said: 'If Colin decided that three wheels would be faster than four, who am I to argue?' His unexpected death in a minor Formula 2 race, at the



The 'old man' of F1 racing: Fangio releases a book on Grand Prix racing

beginning of 1968, left us all completely stunned.

THE next period was the Stewart era. Even before Jim Clark's untimely death, the young Glaswegian Jackie Stewart was showing immense talent, speed and finesse. Stewart approached the whole business of racing as a strictly organised professional, the end result being to win, which he did. Yet he seldom did anything memorable or heroic. His performances were mostly calculated and confident, which fitted well into this period of racing, which saw great progress in chassis and suspension technology: the driver needed to be a sensitive component within a larger technical team. The days of reckless heroics were over. The thinking and calculating driver, with technical sensitivity.

was now all-important, and Stewart revelled in this new age, setting a new all-time high of 27 race victories, most of them remarkably undramatic and unemotional, but then drama and emotion was no longer part and parcel of Grand Prix racing.

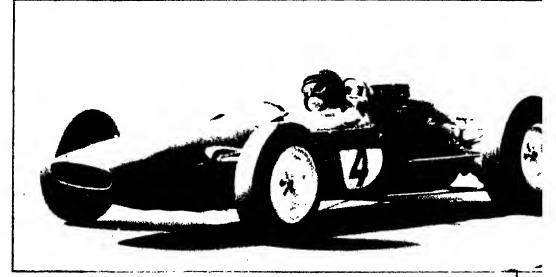
Driving for Ken
Tyrrell's team, Stewart
was able to mould its
character around his
own requirements.
Although there was
strong opposition from
all sides, he triumphed
consistently and left his
mark on this particular

era in the form of World Championship success both for himself and his team! with teammate François Cevert following him home in second place—very often. He paid great attention to detail with a strong awareness that the public was paying his wages.

Some of his personal hobby horses used to irritate me, but I could not deny that he was serious about them and always believed in what he was doing. We did not agree very olten about racing matters, but his brilliance as a driver was never in doubt.

THE past ten years belong to Alain Prost, who has comfortably surpassed Fangio. Clark and Stewart for the number of race victories he has scored. Yet the remarkable thing is that most of them are easily

Jim Ciark and his Lotus-Climax were a tough combination to beat in the early 60s



iorgotten in terms of precisely how he won them. It seems to make no difference to Prost whether he leads a race from start to finish, comes through from fifth or sixth place in the opening stages or profits from his rivals misfortunes. He wins regardless.

Now and again, a forceful side of his character shows through and he becomes almost aggressive in his attitude to the opposition. Nevertheless, he still drives smoothly and has impressed all the engineers he has worked with by his insight into the technical requirements of today's racing. His delicate touch on the machinery becoming clear when cars are stripped after a race.

In keeping with the present high-tech age of the Formula 1 car, the true value of Alain Prost lies in the things you cannot see, unless you are part of the

engineering team that supports him. The only thing the spectator can be aware of is his ability to win races and the smoothness of his driving, it is no surprise that in his boyhood he admired the style of Jimmy Clark and modelled himself on the Scot.

Throughout the span of the World Championships.

which began in 1950, there has been a series of outstanding drivers, and for each of the four mentioned, there have been another two or three who have made a similar impact on the Grand Prix scene, but have achieved fewer successes. In the Fangio era. Stirling Moss was almost his equal, but he never managed to win a world championship. He was every bit as fast as Fangio, but Fangio had an extra ten years'

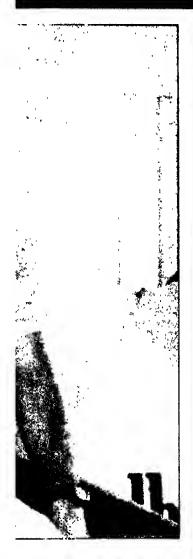


experience to his credit. Moss excelled in any car he drove, his versatility was remarkable and he evokes many fine memories of the period of the technical transition from front-engined Grand Prix cars to the smaller, mid-engined machines.

Contemporary with Stirling Moss was Jack

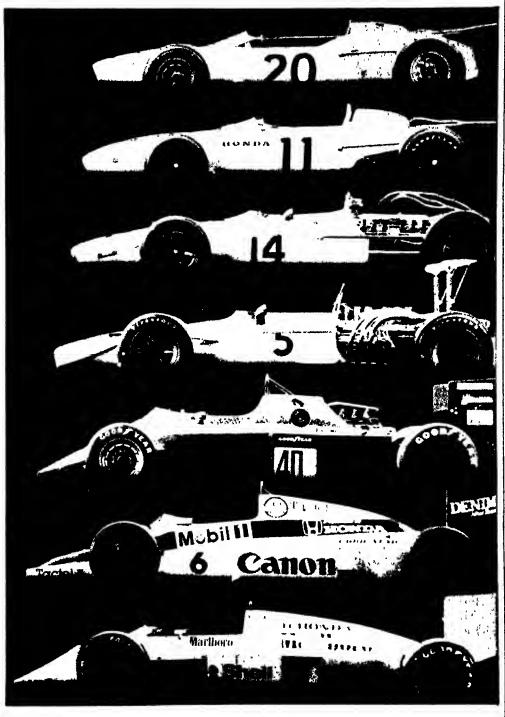


Brabham, who won two World Championships with Cooper-Climax cars and a third with his own Brabham Repco, the only world champion who had his own name on the car he drove. Jack was the epitome of what we call an empirical engineer and, during his days with Cooper Cars. John Cooper could never start building his new car for the season until Jack returned from wintering in his native Australia. 'l've no idea what he is going



(Above) Niki Lauda (left, sharing a joke with Neison Piquet) displayed tremendous grit to come back from the horrific Nurburgring accident

(Right) While drivers came and went, F1 cars also went through a lot of change



to need', John Cooper would say.

I cannot recall an occasion when Jack Brabham upset anyone; he was so amiable. But equally, he was never over-friendly and if you got more than two words out of him in reply to a question, you were doing well. His favourite response was 'Yeah'. When he received a Knight hood for his three World Championships, and in particular the one with his own car, there were one or two of his rivals who were a bit miffed, but most people smiled and said 'Good old Jack!'

Two drivers who brought a great deal to the sport by dint of their personalities rather than their successes, were Mike Hawthorn and Wolfgang von Trips. Hawthorn was a true British sportsman who radiated the image of everybody's idea of a racing driver, leaving behind him fond memories and legends. Von Trips was a fine example of German aristocracy, a man who exuded charm and dignity in a sport which was considered beneath him by his social peers, but his enthusiasm for sports cars, motoring and, above all else, motor racing, knew no bounds. Sadly they both died young in accidents.



Graham Hill too will always be remembered for the overall effect he had on the sport. He was not in the naturally talented class of Stirling Moss or Jimmy Clark, but Graham was simply himself and was loved by everybody. He suffered ups and downs, and when things were going badly I never had io waste his time with silly questions; all I had to do was catch his eye and give him a quizzical look: his factal response, with eyes raised to heaven, said it all.

Niki Lauda is a driver whose legacy is far greater than ever the record books could show. There are many words that sum up this Austrian: crafty,

cunning, devious; all meant kindly. His ability to nurse along a weakened car whilst leading a race, and still maintain his advantage without letting anyone suspect he was in trouble, was quite uncanny. Niki could look poker-faced when he wanted to and could drive in a similarly deadpan manner. It was only after he had won the race that anybody knew he had been in touble. There were a number of drivers who finished

races second to Lauda, only to find that if they had pushed harder, he could not have fought back. But he never displayed any signs of distress.

In a short, but spectacular, racing life, Gilles Villeneuve produced wonders before your very eyes. His sheer brio was unsurpassed and no other driver has caused hardened journalists to stand out in the pouring rain during practice just for the enjoyment of watching the young Canadian in action. He drove to the absolute limit just for the pure pleasure of it.

At the moment, we are in the midst of what seems to be the Ayrton Senna era which, when completed,

will be the fifth era in my personal list of World Championship memories. Without question, he is the most outstanding driver I have ever met: a very intelligent man, a deep thinker, and blindingly fast and confident. The Senna era is a worthy successor to all the great Grand Prix eras that have gone before.



### Jack Brabham preferred to let his driving speak for him



## CHEATING LIKE A MAN

### Not Careca HI

OPA AMERICANA or the South American football championships as we all know did not finish without its share of fireworks. The star of the tournament was a certain Careca lil of Brazil (no relation to the actual superstar).

Careca III came on in the 78th minute and left in the 80th—impressive, though not a record—for elbowing Argentina captain Oscar Ruggeri in the face.

Ruggeri was liercely incensed, not by the assault but by the manner olit. He said. "He wait ed until the referee and myself had turned away before hitting me. This is not the way to behave, if someone comes up to me and gives me a punch, that is no problem. But to hit an opponent from behind is shameful. If you are going to cheat, then cheat like a man."

## DECENCY IN FOOTBALL

### Try Tackwondo

NE of the finest sporting encounters at the World Student Games took place on the football field. Dark horses, South Korea took on Uruguay, and both teams played to their national sporting heritage. Uruguay living up to their usual reputation for brutality and chest-high tackles while the Koreans fought back in their usual stoic way.

Come half time, two of the Koreans needed treatment for sore elbows, while their coach was observed from the touchline apparently giving instructions to his team in the martial arts—na mely tackwondo. Decency in sport must be preserved, after all.





## STEALING SNEAKERS

## Child's play

HERE's sneaker fever going on in Britain. Trendy young thieves are stealing tiny training shoes in a new fashion caze that is driving the sports shops crazy. The thieves are being very choosy about the product they are stealing. No low profile brand names for them, what they are stealing is very strictly up market: Nike baby Air Jordan trainers. And they're going in singles, as opposed to normal pairs, for use as novelty keyrings.

As Christine Clark, manager of D & A Sports in Chatham said, "The trainers are worth £25 a pair. It's a new craze, and I can't wait for it to die out." The next time you see your toddler's Puma Caronas hanging from a key chain, just trace

the guy down.



One of the Siddhi girls does some strengthening exercises

## Only A Matter Of Time

IT is only a matter of time before Siddhis take over the athletics scene in the country. The minor disadvantages that they have like timidness, passivity and fear of society will soon be overcome and then they should be ready to take on the world. Here's hoping that the Bangalore camp unearths some more talent that will take

Indian athletics to greater heights. AMIT DAS, Calcutta.

THE camp in Bangalore has proved conclusively that we have talent and potential in India which only has to be spotted and then trained in the right way. This proves that it is the lack of opportunities that come in the way of sport. The language, poor economical conditions and the lack of education are some of the problems that supress talent in our country. If many more programmes like this could be conducted in the tribal areas of the country then we could surely come

out with more talent. It is time that politics and bureaucracy took a back seat.

M.K. DAMOR,

Dhanbad.

HIS refers to the coverage given L to the Siddhi athletes who are being groomed in Bangalore. It was nice on the part of Sportsworld to give them the due coverage that will certainly serve as a morale booster to them. The Sports Authority of India should take up similar coaching schemes for the youth in the backward areas: this could well help us in inculcating some new blood into the athletics arena. For example the tribals in Bihar and Orissa also have a lot of talent, but till now they remain unearthed and as a result Indian sport is losing out on some potential which could be trained to bring honours for the country. ARTA MISHRA. Cuttack.

## **Interesting Reading**

THE cover story on Stefan Edberg (10-16 July) was really a superb one. It was surprising to read of the determination and the grit of the Swedish player. He is one player whose game speaks for him while he himself maintains a very low and uncontroversial profile. Though at Wimbledon he did disappoint his fans by going out in the semis, he can surely go on to regain his lost glory. Let's hope that we get to see more inspired tennis from this superstar in the future. C.R. RAMA. Madras.

## Come On Edberg

STEFAN EDBERG came, saw and conquered. He gave the world some scintillating tennis, but he somewhat disappointed his fans at Wimbledon this year. Of course, one cannot take away from Stich his due. Stich that day played some inspired tennis and it was not surprising that Edberg lost. But now is the time for him to come back and prove to the world that he can still be the No. 1.

S.A. KRISHNAN,

Coimbatore.

## THE POWER OF THE EMPTY HAND

### Stand in sanchin-dachi



HIS week we're discussing sanchin-dachi and the advanced methods of strengthening the stance. Settle into the stance, and get one person to climb onto your back, feet resting on your upper thighs. Once you have got used to that weight, get two people to climb onto you (you can use a person to provide support, if required) while you remain in the stance.

Once again, this is an advanced technique so make sure you are strong enough to take the weight. Otherwise you could injure your tendons and ligaments.

By Shivali Cangaly
Kyokushinkalkan karata

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Get one person to climb onto your back





Get two people to climb onto you, as another person provides support from behind EY let's party tonight"

, your friend tells you. "Hell no, I'm so ttred. It's been a bad day at work," is your rejoinder. And you are real tired. You wake up tired. And tt's only after fumbling in the kitchen for the first cup of coffee that your nerves get into action. And then throughout the day you turn to colfee or tea to keep you awake. Tired and depressed even before the day starts, by the time you have finished with office there's no life left in you to write a letter, leave alone socialise.

Millions of people live in this energy twilight zone, and accept the sluggishness as normal. Worse still, because fattgue is not life threatening, doctors don't give it much thought either. But you just cannot ignore it and treat fatigue like an ordinary illness because the symptoms are elusive and trouble apparently healthy undividuals. Actually chronic fatigue may stgnal problems ranging from an unhappy relationship to an undiagnosed illness.

The most common symptoms of the chronic fattgue syndrome (CFS) are tiredness, headaches, depression, insomnia, muscle aches, joint patns and weight loss. CFS is not a recent phenomenon, but one never really paid

## GET KICKING AGAIN



PHE HEALTH

attention to it. Hit now, with man so mitch more involved in different stress attaintions, the rate is increasing. In today's world a man gets into the rat race quite early in life and has to give his job and career all he's got; otherwise he ends up the loser. This stress-filled environment has a lot to do with the chronic fatigue syndrome.

Though the actual reason behind this stress inducing illness is not yet known, it is primarily due to lifestyle and environment exposures. Studies show that most sufferers of the CFS have depression or anxiety problems that keep the nerves taut throughout the day and leaves the individual pooped at the end of it all.

The moment stress takes a heavy toll of your immune system you are in for disaster. In fact things like food, air, touch, love and joy must form an integral part of the strategy to restore effective immune system functions. You have to kick bad and dangerous habits like smoking, and drinking should be done in moderation. At the same time you'll have to eat right, exercise and cope with stress. In short stay healthy.

You should in fact try to develop your own course of action to restore energy. Going to the doctor and taking pills won't work. Matter of fact, many doctors don't feel the syndrome



is a disease at all. They say it's all in the patient's head—and to an extent, they're right. There are no drugs to cure this ailment. They'll cure one individual allment or another but never the whole disease. Some drugs are effective for the relief of muscle pains and headaches. Others may be helpful in improving sleep and decreasing the tiredness a bit.

Like most illness CFS is also in a big way related to the lifestyle that one leads. Here are some factors that you should consider dumping if you are into it.

Smoking: Apart from being the easlest way to contact cancer it also cuts down your stamina a lot. So the next time you feel really worked.

up, don't reach out for the cigarette. You'll probably think that the smoke will relax your taut nerves but actually it just leaves the system wanting more nicotine. In fact, it is a no-win situation where the body's demands for nicotine has to be fulfilled and if it is not. then one starts feeling down and edgy. The only way to get out of this is by kicking the habit once and for all.

Drinking: Alcohol has been looked upon as a depressent. It numbs the senses and sort of takes you away from the angleties and the worries, and this way supposedly brings down the stress level. But in fact drinking in moderation has no negative effects on the body but then

term. If your titles of, moderation is a couple of drinks, it might help.

Caffeine: The stimulating effect of caffeine wears off pretty fast and then one is left feeling tired and back to square one. Coffee before bedtime plays havoc with the sleep patterns and can cause insomnia which in turn breeds anxiety and fatigue. Hence take it easy on the coffee and tea and you will end up conserving more energy.

Lack of vitamins and minerals: Lack of adequate vitamins and minerals in the system also wreak have on the immune system could take supplements to be on the safe side but then overdosing does not have any benefits.

Consult your physician, go in for a complete checkup and then ask him to prescribe some supplements for you, if needed.

CFS also has a lot to do with the state of mind. If you are mentally worked up then it's sure going to affect you physically. Take time out with your friends and near ones and it you have a problem discuss and talk it out with your near ones. Meditation and practising relaxation techniques also go a long way in staying in control.

But the best way to combat CFS is exercise. This is because exercise puts one in control of both the mind and the body. The demands imposed by a good exercise regimen deny access of any disfunctions or stresses.

So folks hit the gym, stay in shape, eat right and think straight. It'll take you a long way in life.

COLUMN

## ROUNDUP



N SATURDAY, July 27, the Armenian pack, packed with schoolboys, annexed the Calcutta Cup rugby trophy with a fluent 19-8 victory over hosts Calcutta Football Club on the CC & FC ground.

On a comparatively rainless day, the speedy Armenians earned an early penalty, and Edwin Vartazarian, whose uncanny kicking was a feature in all the Calcutta Cup matches played by his team, converted the kick from a difficult angle.

Calcutta Football Club replied forcefully, earning several scrums in the Armenian territory, and off

Action during the final of the Calcutta Cup Rugby tournament. The Armenians defeated CCFC, 19-8

two of these, Flloyd Fernandez and Richard Hullim touched down, taking the hosts ahead (8-3).

The Armenians refused to be cowed down, and they launched a swift series of raids on CFC territory, and Vahick Andressian scored a brace of swift tries, while Hovick Hovanessian touched down once. Vartazarian converted two of the tries, and just missed out the third.

In a semi-final encounter, the Armenians won what was probably the decisive match of the tournament when they downed holders La Martiniere Old Boys (LMOB) by four points to nil on a drenched pitch, when Alex Keshistian raced forward to touch down in the seventh minute of play. In vain did LMOB 'heavyweights' David Yah, the Balsara brothers (Herman, Desmond and Christopher) and the McLuskies (Tony and Stephen)

hurl themselves en masse or singly at the Armenian touchline. There was always a defender or more to cut them down in midstride.

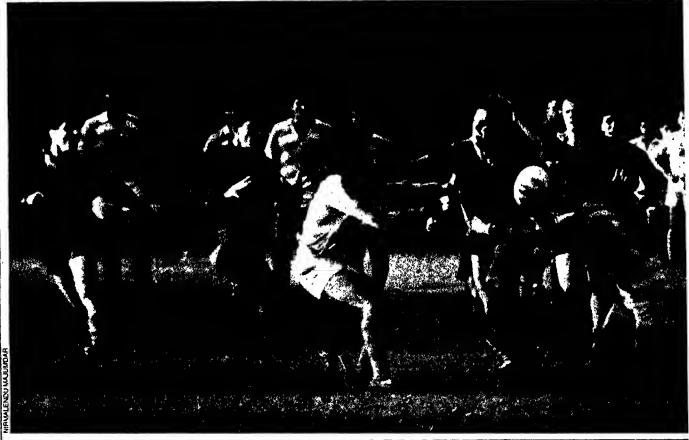
The other semi-final saw Calcutta Football Club oust Police A.C. by 11 points to four. Flloyd Fernandez took CFC ahead in the first half (4-0), but the lawmen equalised in the dying seconds of the half when Amitava Rakshit tried down the right flank (4-4). Then a penalty-conversion by Richard Hooper (7-4) and a late touchdown by Rajiv Kapoor sealed the fate of the policemen (11-4).

John D'Abrew



TATE BANK OF TRAVANCORE (SBT) scored an easy nine wicket win over Cochin Cricket Club in the final of the fourth All-Kerala prize money cricket tournament organised by Cochin Refineries.

Put into bat. Cochin Cricket Club, with the help of Jayasankar (22) and Sunil (50) reached 100 for 3 in 20 overs. But the experienced





The State Bank of Travancore were the winners of the Ali-Kerala Cricket tournament

SBT bowlers, Ram Mohan (3-20) and Balagopal (3-26) restricted Cochin CC to 151 in 41.4 overs of the allotted 45 overs.

SBT hit up the required runs for the loss of only one wicket and 24.3 overs to spare. T.P. Ajith Kumar was unbeaten on 77.

Earlier in the semis, Cochin CC defeated Master CC by 83 runs and SBT beat Pandalam by seven wickets.

N. Sivakumar, General Manager, Cochin Refineries distributed the awards.

Sejeev Kumar T.K.



The "Great little game" of carrom is spreading its wings. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Bangara Babu, the inexpensive indoor game has made giant strides over the last two decades. Babu worked tirelessly to get carrom first national recognition and then international recognition. And due to his efforts, the International

Carrom Federation was formed at Madras in October, 1988.

Only five nations-India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, West Germany and Switzerland-were affiliated at the time, when the first World Carrom Congress was held. This month, the second World Carrom Congress was organised at Male (Maldives) and the number of affiliated countries had swelled to ten. The new affiliates were Holland, East Germany, USA, Singapore and Malaysia. And, very soon, as Babu told Sportsworld on his return from Male, five more countries would be affiliated -Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and United Arab Emirates. The Germanys would field a combined team from next year.

Babu is a middle aged man in a hurry. He is anxious to get 25 affiliated countries—the minimum to get carrom to qualify as a demonstration sport at the Olympics. He is confident that this will be achieved in time for the 1996 Olympic Games at Atlanta.

At the Congress at Male, the USA Carrom Association and Singapore Carrom Federation were admitted as full-fledged members of the ICF. The Congress also decided that to meet the requirements of the International Olympic Committee

for recognition of carrom as a demonstration sport, steps should be taken to establish the Asian, European and Oceania Carrom Federation before 1992.

The Congress decided to allot the first World Carrom Championship to New Delhi and this would be held in October this year. Nearly 100 players would participate in the four-day meet which would see matches in team and individual events. The latter category would be open to non-affiliates in a bid to encourage and popularise the game worldwide.

The Congress also drew up the schedule for other tournaments.

The second Federation Curvall b

The second Federation Cup will be organised in Switzerland in October next year and the first World Cup for men will be held at Kassel in Germany next year. A three-nation youth tournament involving India, Sri Lanka and Maldives will be conducted in the Maldives in September this year.

Partab Remchand

## TRIVANDRUM

THE State Sub-Junior Aquatic championship concluded on a high note at the Water works swimming pool with a total of 28 meet records being shattered during the two day meet.



Archana was the giri's champion in the Sub-Junior Aquatics

In the boys section, P. Vimalkumar, the brother of star swimmer, P. Sanalkumar, sparkled, collecting four golds in a record time: 100 mts. freestyle (1m:14 sec), 50m. backstroke (40.13 sec) 50m freestyle (33.68 sec.) and 200 individual medley (3m: 10.40 sec). Rajeshkumar, also of Trivandrum, set a new time in the 100m breast-stroke, timing 1m:21 sec.

M.K. Archana, representing Trivandrum District, created five new marks: 100m freestyle (1m: 19 sec.) 50m breast-stroke (48.37 sec.) 50m backstroke (42.47 sec.), 50m freestyle (35.88) and 200m individual medley (3:16.97 sec.). In the 200m freestyle, Remya

(Trivandrum)-clocked 2m:46 sec. to set a new meet record.
Trivandrum District dominated the pool and bagged the overall championship.
Sajeev Kumar T.K.

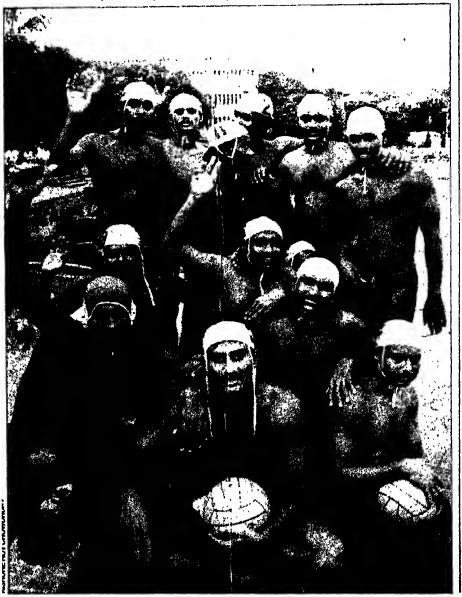
### CALCUTTA

## Waterpolo

T's waterpolo time now and the College Square swimming pool is bubbling with activity.

One of the major meets in the Bengal Amateur Swimming

Eastern Railway were the winners of the Waterpolo Championships





## CALCUTTA

## Long Distance Swimming

Amar Basak of Ramnagar
Vivekananda Bayam Samity was
the winner of the 84 km
swimming race near Murshidsbad.
This is the longest swimming
race in the world. Basak covered
the distance in 11 hours and
20 minutes.

Association calendar, the Self Culture meet drew all the major teams from the State. Eastern Railway, with quite a few national players in their ranks, finished best as the Railwaymen overcame a fighting College Square Swimming Club 11-5 in the final match.

Shyamsundar Mitra top scored for Eastern Railway with five goals and Swapan Das contributed two more. But the best player of the final was from College Square—Siddhartha Chatterjee.

In the semi-finals, Eastern Railway defeated Bowbazar Bayam Samity 16-7, while College Square got the better of Central Swimming Club by an identical margin.

Bowbazar finished third in the championship when they drowned Central 13-7 in a play-off match for the third and fourth places. Ramen Roy scored three goals for Bowbazar in this match.

Soumitra Boos

## AADRAS SUSINGS

OR a city of its stature,
Madras has surprisingly
inadequate infrastructure
for conducting major
sports events. That is the main
reason why comparatively small
cities are able to organise
international events while no meet
of such magnitude is generally
given to the Southern metropolis.

Madras is the only major city, for example, not to have an astro turf.

Other than cricket matches, Madras has not staged an international event since 1979 when it hosted the Davis Cup tie between India and Australia. The tournaments were held at the Nehru Stadium in Central Madras, very close to the main city station. And indeed, the Nehru Stadium (formerly known as the Corporation Stadium) has been the main sporting centre in the city for many years.

It was the venue of cricket Test matches from 1956 to 1965. The National Games were held there in 1968. It has also in recent years been the venue of the Federation Cup boxing tournament.

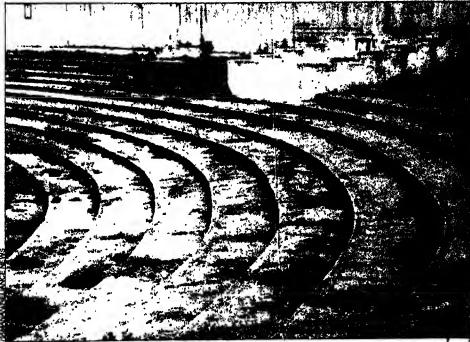
But, overall, the Nehru Stadium is associated with football. It has been the venue of the National Football championship more than once, the last in 1984. The Federation Cup was organised there in 1981. And the Tamil Nadu Football Association which has its office in the stadium premises organises its tournaments there.

For long, the pride of Madras sport, the Nehru Stadium which is under the custody of the City Corporation has now fallen on bad days. The galleries are in a state of decay, the ground conditions

woeful and the amenities are archaic. About the only silver lining are the four huge floodlight towers constructed for the 1984 Nationals.

And yet C.R. Viswanathan is determined to conduct the 1993 Nehru Gold Cup international tournament at this out-dated Nehru Gold Cup is held anywhere else in the city as a temporary measure, that would mean the end of the Nehru Stadium and Madras will never have a pucca football stadium. If cricket can have a stadium in the city, if hockey can have a stadium, why not football"?

Mr Viswanathan is pinning



The galleries at the Nehru Stadium. Urgent renovations are needed

venue. A former TFA Secretary, Mr Viswanathan is now convenor of the three-member high-power committee set up to do preliminary work before a full-scale committee is set up later.

And why this obsession with holding it at the Nehru Stadium?

"Because, I want the city to have a full-fledged football stadium". Says Mr Viswanathan, "If the almost all his hopes on the Chief Minister, Jayalalitha. "We have been in touch with the various Govt. secretaries and now it all depends on how we present the case to Madam," he said.

The cost of remodelling the existing stadium would be Rs 10 to 12 crores and the conducting of the Nehru Cup itself will cost another Rs. 11/2 crores.

Partab Ramchand

## **SPORTSWEEK**

### This week in the biss

TAMES CORBETT, American heavyweight boxing champion, fought for the last time on Aug 14, 1903 in San Francisco. losing to Jim Jefferies in round 10.

THE Indian football club, Mohun Bagan of Calcutta, was established on Aug. 15, 1889

THE star of the Berlin Olympics which concluded on Aug 16, 1936, was the black American

athlete Jesse Owens who, with his four gold medals, had shattered two world records and Hitler's hope of Aryan supremacy.

NITA SOOD created sporting history for India on Aug 17, 1987 when she swam the English Channel in an Asian best time of 8 hrs. 15 min.

N Aug. 18, 1925. English batsman Jack Hobbs broke W.G. Grace's world record of 126 centuries in first class cricket in Britain.

**MERICAN** aviators Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson and Larry Newman became the first to successfully cross the Atlantic Ocean in a balloon when they landed near Paris on Aug 19, 1978 after six days and 3200 miles.

THE prestigious Ryder . Cup match in England reached a nailbiting stage when the result depended on the last hole of the last match between British golfer Tony Jacklin and the American Jack Nicklaus. But in a fine gesture of sportsmanship Jack Nicklaus conceded the putt to create a tie, a perfect result for one of the closest fought matches in sporting history on Aug. 20, 1969.

A.R. Sharif

## **MILESTONES**

WON: By Italy the first World Junior Archery Meet held in Norway, India came eighth in the team championship. DISAPPROVED: By the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan, the plans of five one - dayers during their tour of India in Oct-Novi They instead want two Tests and two limited over matches. MAUGURATED: The

first of the three centres of the Sports Project Development Area (SPDA) to provide the best of training, coaching, equipment and : other facilities, in Raikot. This scheme is sponsored by the Sports Authority of India (SAI). TO PLAN: Goran Ivanisevic in the Davis Cup for Yugoslavia.

impatte of being a Croatian. The Republic of Croatia had advised it's players against play-ing for ugoslavia.



WON: By Bengal the Junior National Soccer Championship. They defeated Goa 2-1 in the final play-WON: By 10 year old under-11 title of the British Chess Cham-

pionship. He is the first Indian to win . the title. WON: By Thailand the 53rd Singapore Track and Field Meet. Malaysia came second. India

ed at Sambalpur.

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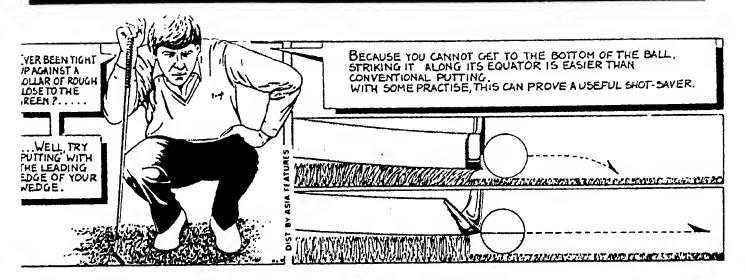
You've heard of wrestling and arm wrestling. Now's there's finger wrestling too. With different weight stepories, this is one of the most popular sports in Bavaria, Shown here is action from the 32nd German championships held in the Savarian town of Wasserburg

did not participate in the Meet because of the Central Government adopting the no cost to government policy. and refusing to fund the team. WON: By Pete Sampres the \$ 225000 Volvo of Los Arige Tennis tournament.

He defeated Brad Gilbert 6-2, 6-7, 6-3 in the final. WON: By Jennifer Capriati the Mazda Tennis Classic Tournament. She defeated Monica Seles in the final Scies lost her No. 1 ranking to Stelli Oraf after this Jose,



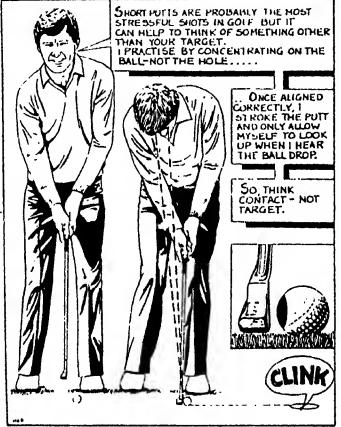
## Putt with a Wedge



## Knock your Putter into Shape



## Concentrate on the Ball



## QUIZ/CHESS/BRIDGE

## QUIZ

### **QUESTIONS**

- 1 In 1965 a nineteen year old scored 155 against England in what was his debut Test at Brisbane Guess who?
- 2 What is common to Graeme Poilock John Edrich and David Hooks?
- 3 Who is the odd man out of Amai Singh Fazal Mahmood Brian Statham and Ian Botham?
- 4 In a Benson and Hedges
  quarter final (1974) a ball
  smashed Ian Botham in the mouth
  and a couple of his teeth were
  broken. But he continued and was
  45 not out and minus a couple of
  teeth. Who was the bowler
  concerned and who were the
  opponents?
- 5 Who batted on all five days of the Centenary Test against England at Lord s in 1980?
- 6 Who took 11 wickets for Australia against England in the Centenary Test in Melbourne in 1977?
- 7 Who scored a century and took 13 wickets in the Golden Jubilee Test at Bombay in 1980?
- 8 Which great Australian cricketer of the Seventies and early Eighties was nicknamed D K by his team-mates and why?

### **ANSWERS**

- 1 Doug Walters
- 2 All of them are lett handed batsmen
- 3 Brian Statham who was a fast bowler while all the others are medium pace ones
- 4 Andy Roberts Hampshire
- 5 Kim Hughes
- 6 Dennis Lillee
- 7 Ian Botham
- 8 Dennis Lillee From Dennis Keith Lillee

## **CHESS**

Another one of my pet hobby horses—the queenless middlegame. Like the Yusupov Gurevitch encounter this one also emphasises the fact that the time honoured principles of development and coordination still count after an exchange of queens

A deep pawn sacrtfice sets everything up

White Chandler Vs Black King Hastings 91

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Bb4 5 ed5
Qxd5 6 Bxf6 gf6 7 Nge2 Nc6 This is the
Maccutcheon variation of the
French Defence one of the most
complex systems. The
aforementioned pawn sacrifice of
follows

8 a31 Bxc3 9 Nxc3 Qxd4 10 Qxd4 Nd4 110-0-0 c5 Attempts to hold the pawn fail eg 11 Nc6? 12 Nb5 or 11 e5 12 Nd5 etc

12 Ne4 b6 13 c3 Nf5 14 g4! Nh4 15 Nxf6 Ke7 16 g5 h6 17 f4 hg5 18 fg5 Rb8 19 Bb5 Nf3 White has a black square bind and by far the more active pieces—especially minor pieces Black intends to win material with the last move

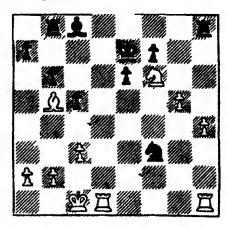
20 h4 (See diagram) Nxh4 Black can tease the pressure with 20 Rxh4 21 Rxh4 Nxh4 22 Ng8! Kl8 23 Rd8 winning

21 Ng4 Bb7 22 Rd7 Kf8 23 Rf1 Nf5 24 Ne5 Rh2 Black abandons f7 because 24 Rh7 25 g6 ts worse

25 Rxf7 Kg8 26 g6 Kh8 27 Bd3 Bg2? Not a good move but black is helpless. The mating net with rook knight and pawn will force victory anyway. 28 Rg1 Ng7 29 Rf2 (1-0) White wins a piece.

An object lesson in how to sustain an initiative

### Devangshu Datta



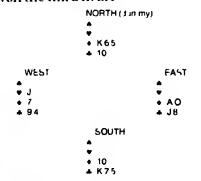
## BRIDGE

One of the worst feelings at the bridge table cornes from the realisation, a bit too late, that a play that could well-have found its way into somebody s bridge column has been missed -

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The state of the score explains the biddings for North was keen to complete the game rather than take a small penalty. We stiled a heart and on winning in hand I as declarer played on spades East winning the third round. Back came a second heart won in dummy and the thirteenth spade cashed pitching a club from hand as West threw a heart and East the ntne of dtamonds. A club to the king and ace followed and West in response to partner 5 high looking card shifted to diamonds. Dast won his jack and persevered with hearts. This was the position as I won the third heart

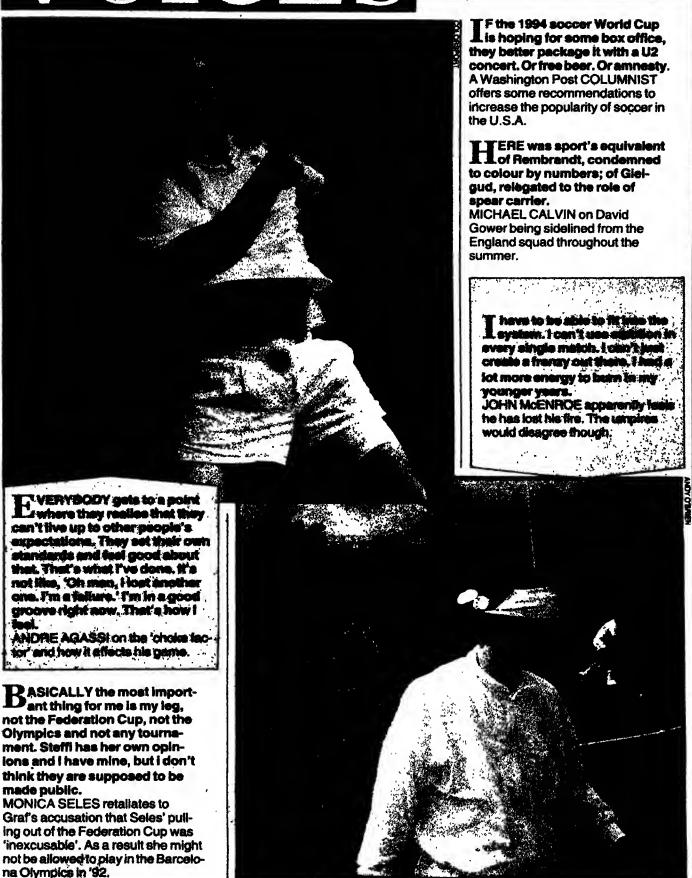


Needing two tricks more I could see that East had started with a 3 3 4 3 shape hopefully with the jack of clubs. Intending to end play Fast in clubs. I cashed the king but East threw the jack under my king and I had to go down.

Do you see where I went wrong? In the diagrammed ending, all I had to do was to play a low club from hand without cashing the king! East would not have been able to avoid giving me two tricks one way or the other try tt

Santanu Ghose

## VOICES



# THE TOWN

## Connors & Evert: Made For Each Other?

immy connors and Chris Evert had once been tennis's most talked-about couple. They had met as teenagers on tour, fallen in love and got engaged in 1974. He was 21, she was 19. That year they both won Wimbledon and danced the first dance at the Wimbledon ball. Storybook stuff. Only the happy ending didn't happen. They broke their engagement that fall and went off in different directions.

Connors dated a Miss World and eventually married Patty McGuire, a one-time *Playboy* centerfold. There was turbulence in the marriage. a separation and reconciliation. Now, there are two children and people on tour will tell you that Patty Connors has done wonders in making Jimmy a more patient, forgiving person.

Evert's personal life has been more turbulent, and the whole experience of divorce from John Lloyd and second marriage to Andy Mill was traumatic. Her parents, strict Catholics, were horrified by her divorce.

'My father didn't speak to me for months when John

In this series of extracts from tennis' hottest book, author John Feinstein unravels the Connors-Evert relationship and reports on Jennifer Caprlati's first brush with the English tabloids



Stefano Capriati had proved himself very sensitive to any criticism from the media—and he hadn't seen anything that could begin to approach what the English tabloids could do with someone like his daughter and I divorced, she said. The whole thing was very tough on my whole family. Part of it was being Catholic, part of it was that they loved John. That's what made it so difficult for me. I agonized over the whole thing for two years. I still can't give you any one reason why John and I were divorced. It was just a lot of little things that both of us felt. Or maybe didn't feel. That rush you feel when the other person is in the room if you're in love just wasn't there anymore.

My mother still thinks of John as a son and always will. Fortunately, Andy won their hearts. Now, my father loves everyone in his family and they all get along really well. But when I first showed up with him,

oh bov.'

After agreeing the terms of the divorce with Lloyd in late 1986 Evert had spent most of January and February of 1987 with Mill, and called her parents to tell them she was bringing her new boyfriend to Boca Raton. 'My dad hit the roof,' she said. 'He started screaming at me that the divorce wasn't final, that if I was seen in public with another man John might ask for more money and all sorts of things like that. It was unbelievable. For one thing, John isn't that way. For another, he was living with someone. Finally I said to my father, "Okay, I'll tell you what, I'm going to have John call you and tell you how ridiculous you're being." That's what I did. John called my dad and said, "There is absolutely nothing to worry about."

The trauma passed and Chris and Andy were married, although they are not married in the eyes of the Catholic Church. I do have problems with that,' Chris said. I think of myself as a spiritual person. The idea that I'm not married in the eyes of the Church is something I've had trouble understanding. It just

doesn't make sense to me.'

In truth, Evert's personal life has been no different than many American women. She had a great first love that iell apart. She rebelled in her early 20s against her strict up-bringing by partying and dating a lot. She got married at 24, divorced at 32 and re-married at 33. She likes to tell very dirty jokes and she smoked marijuana on more than one occasion—although she doesn't smoke it now and doesn't endorse kids trying it. Evert's image has always been the subject of a good deal of discussion among tennis players. John McEnroe, knowing her social life so differed from the public perception, once told her she was 'a fake, just like Jimmy [Connors] is.' Evert responded by telling him there was a difference between being a fake and being diplomatic.

That was all history now for the rookie TV commentators. Connors seemed to fit more easily into the role. Evert wasn't comfortable being critical or taking on controversial issues. Connors wasn't about to say exactly what he thought on the air—the FCC would have revoked NBC's license if he had—but he

came a lot closer.

The big adjustment for both of them was off the air. Both were used to having people come to them for favors; to ask them for time. Now, that had changed. One evening after a futile day spent trying to set up interviews with a couple of players. Comoon turned to some of his new NBC colleagues and said. If I was this





bigan asshole when I was playing, shoot me right now.'
Fortunately for him, none of them had a gun.

Evert figured out the problem fairly quickly. I have never in my life had to ask people for favors ahe said. I'm used to people wanting to do things for me because I'm a tennis player. Now, I'm not.

She was still Chris Evert, still the Queen, but it was different. Evert felt the difference most acutely in her relationship with Capriati. I can still remember her family when she was younger and I was still playing. They were watching me practice or coming to a tournament and they just thought being around was the greatest thing. Now, it's all different.

When she called to set up the interview, her brother told her Stefano Capriati didn't want to do it. Jennifer didn't have time. Evert was shocked and hurt. Eventually Evert's brother smoothed things over and Evert got the interview.

But the relationship had definitely changed. When Evert asked Capriation the heels of her 'Lejj' comment about Navratilova if she viewed Evert as a great player too. Capriati shook her head. It's different, she told Evert. 'You're my friend. And you're a member of the press.'

That one stung a little.

## Welcome To Tabloid-land, Jennifert

LL spring, IMG agent John Evert had been concerned about what would happen when the Capriati-teen-tour hit England. Stefano Capriati had proved himself very sensitive to any criticism from the media—and he hadn't seen anything that could begin to approach what the English tabloids could do with someone like his daughter.

For the English tabloids everyone and anyone is fodder. Almost nothing is a secret. Airports and hotels are staked out. If a tennis player goes to dinner, to the movies or to the bathroom it is probably going to show up in a tabloid the next day.

The players themselves are at least partly at fault. While they complain bitterly when the tabloids write untruths about them—or truths they don't want to

"First of all, I do feel I have an obligation because I know a lot of girls look at me as some kind of a role model. I'm not going to lie about anything but if I'm going to admit I smoke marijuana I have to say that I really believe it's bad for you"

Chris Evert

see in print—virtually all of them are willing to take money from them when it is offered. Players writing columns for the tabloids had become such an epidemic several years earlier that Wimbledon had passed a rule saying no one entered could work for a media outlet during the two weeks of the tournament. Among those who had taken tabloid money over the years were McEnroe, Connors, Lendl and Evert. This year, since she was no longer playing, Evert was doing a diary for the Daily Express throughout the tournament. Her see: \$45,000.

Capriati's debut in England was, of course, big news. When she went to the movies one night with some friends who had come over from Florida, the tabloids had stories about her 'boyfriend', taking her out. Another rag ran a huge spread about the touring pro deal her father had made in Florida. It included pictures of the 'mansion' the Capriatis were going to live in. The deal had been made and the Capriatis were planning to move to Broken Sound in the

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fall—but the house they were going to live in hadn't been built yet.

Capriati's real problem came on Tuesday. As well as she had played in her first five tournaments as a pro—she was already ranked 13th on the computer—this was her first pro tournament on grass. As dominant as she had been as a junior on clay and on hard courts, she had actually lost in the quarterfinals in the Wimbledon juniors; this was one surface where she was vulnerable.

When the rain cleared off on Tuesday morning, Capriati played her opening match at Eastbourne and won easily. Naturally, the English media wanted to talk to her. The WTA's postmatch interview policy gives a player who has to play another match that day—which, because of the rain, Capriati did—the right to defer her interview until after that match. Usually, this provision crops up when a player has to play doubles shortly after singles or when a player has lost a tough match.

The English media did not want to wait for Capriati to play her second singles match to talk to her. It might not end until 8 or 9 o'clock and all of them had





carly deadlines. They didn't really care shout her tennis, all they wanted were a couple of quotes about England, the weather, the grass and Wimbledon to make their Capriati-starved editors happy. A deal was struck: Capriati would come in after her first match but not after her second-round match later that day against Gretchen Magers. 'Fine, fine,' most of the reporters said, 'just bring her in as soon as possible.'

Capriati came in. She did her 'everything is wonderful' routine and everyone was happy. There

was just one problem : Magers.

Like Elise Burgin, Gretchen Magers had become accustomed to being the warm-up act for the game's rock stars. She admits there are times when she chales because of it, but she accepts it.

"Sometimes I feel like some sort of sideshow, I think we all do, she said. But the fact is that without the stars, the rest of us don't make the money we're making. So, it's kind of tough to complain.

Magers had twice been a Grand Slam quarterfinalist during college (US Open 1982, French 1983) but her first couple of years on tour were a struggle. 'I honestly thought coming out of college that I could be a top-10 player,' she said. This life is full of disappointments. It's very hard to be in a job where every single week there is a major letdown, two actually if you count doubles, because just about every week you lose. Every week when I lose, I'm ready to go home.'

Now, on the grass, with dusk closing in, Magers quickly fell behind Capriati 6-2, 4-1. Capriati was cruising. Magers was angry with herself. In 1989, she had won her tough matches. This year, she seemed to be losing them. She didn't want to be embarrassed by Capriati. So, she dug in and picked up her game at a time when it would have been easy to say, 'Next week'.

Capriati was caught completely off guard.
Watching her, Tom Gullikson could see that she was surprised. 'In juniors, whenever she was up 6-2, 4-1, the other girl was thrilled to have won three games,' he said. 'This was different. This was a solid pro who didn't think the match was over until they shook hands. Jennifer had never really dealt with that before.'

Magers came back to win 11 of the last 13 games—and the match. By the end, with the sun almost gone, Capriati looked like a 14-year-old, not the world's No. 13 player. When she left the court, her entourage quickly closed ranks around her to escort her off the grounds. However, the media didn't want to let her do that. The loss had made her earlier quotes meaningless. They wanted to talk to her again.

That wasn't going to happen. Capriati had done her interview and no one from the WTA or Kraft/Virginia Slims was about to tell Stefano Capriati that his daughter's loss rendered the earlier deal moot. Security hustled the Capriatis away. The newspapers in London the next day reported that she had fled the grounds in tears. Hype—yes; completely inaccurate—no. It wasn't until Friday—three days later—that she came back to talk to the media. By then, she had received her first roasting—albeit a mild one by British standards—from the media.

## **GUEST COLUMN**

## Nigel Mansell's sudden son

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That was why, after a grim and fascinating race at Silverstone last month, it was a delight to see the British Grand Prix conclude with a sudden celebration of humour and human, rather than mechancial,

qualities.

For those who missed it, Ayrton Senna's car died on his final lap. He flagged down the victorious Nigel Mansell, now on his lap of honour, climbed aboard his car and joined him for a tour of celebration, perilously perched on the back. The incident was doubly valuable since the two men have a long history of personal emnity.
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## ams-Renault-augurs well for Formula One racing

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Maybe it is Senna still leads the world championship but Mariett is the his driver in the hot car. Mansell knows that a driver can be faster but still get beaten by a consistent man who ognerantly picks up second places.

Nelson Piquet did exactly that to Manual to 1967. But, here at all the state of the second place disappeared



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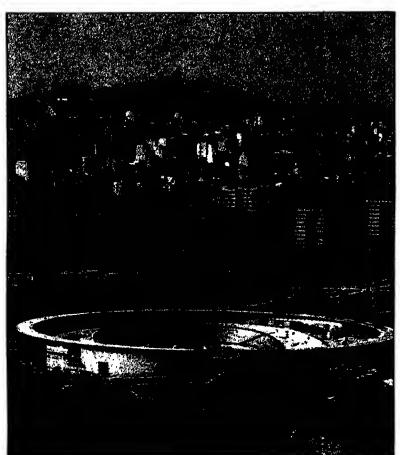
when he ran out of fuel and went down to fourth place. The luck was all with Mansell.

The secret of winning the League title in football is to sneak wins and draws even when you are playing badly. The secret of winning Formula One littles is: to score points in race after race, even when you have problems with your motor car. Nigel Mariself-like Liverpool. of old won even though his car did not play the perfect game."

Mansell did not went to spoil his perfect weekend with talk about the world champeterships. He says, would you believe that he is taking each race as it comes. But he is thinking about it all tight. Visiting elect.

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## IANSELL MAKES IT A HAT-TRICK

RITISH ecstasy went overboard as Nigel Mansell and his Williams-Renault totally dominated the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim. Pulling away from Ayrton Senna's McLaren Honda from the start fiself, Mansell drove an exemplary race to notch up his third consecutive win. In the process, he also took his points tally in the drivers' championship to 43, just eight behind leader and ending world champion Senna who ran out of fuel in the lan and imped home to a seventh place finish.



ready, a fact that troubles some members of the International Olympic Committee.

"That 'manana,' has a point where it has to stop," said Richard Pound of Canada, a member of the IOC's executive board. "Next July 25, a man will come here with a Greek flag and an Olympic flame



Na city where landmarks like the Sagrada Familia cathedral and Parc Guell lie unfinished and manana never comes, the 1992 Olympic Games loom large on the horizon.

"The press will be able to find a workman with a hammer and a nail to photograph on the eve of the Games," joked Pasqual Maragall, the Barcelona mayor who doubles as the president of COOB, the Barcelona Olympics Organising Committee. "But the cement mixers will have long since finished."

But with the Summer Games due to begin on July 25, 1992, less than a year from now, Barcelona remains a maze off construction sites and detours, of scaffolding and bureaucracy. The Olympic master plan—a \$3.9 billion civic overhaul that includes more than 300 projects and rates as one of the most ambitious in European history—is under constant revision.

Four of the seven new hotels originally planned have been scrapped, several venues changed, foreign experts hired to oversee everything from communications to catering and completion of a new highway system has been postponed until next June.

In addition, Olympics "test" events that began June 27 exposed a number of flaws, both structural and organisational, sending COOB officials into spin-control overdrive.

As a result, Barcelona is expected to go right down to the wire getting



"If we finish everything on time. we will be over the moon. But if they are finished 30 days before the Olympics or one day, what is the difference?" Chief Executive



BARCELONA OLYMPICS

## AHOSTOF ADroblems

With less than a year to go for the Games, the Spanish city is struggling to get ready

and suddenly there's no more 'manana.' That's when everything had better be in place."

Without question, if Barcelona's goal was to undertake massive urban renewal and move out from under the shadow of Madrid, its arch-rival in everything from politics to soccer, then the Catalan capital has already succeeded.

"Ten years ago,
Barcelona was fairly
unheard of outside of
Spain," Maragall said.
"Now, however, almost
everybody can put it on
the map. In this way, we
can say that we have
already gained from the
Games, because they
have helped the city
become known
internationally.

'There is no doubt that on an international scale, the Games are the best investment a city can make."

Stadia and arenas aside, the crown jewel of the Olympic building program is the \$1.7 billion athletes' village on the waterfront. There, an entire town. Poblenou, is under construction. When finished, it will include 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) of beach, a new harbor, 2,000 housing units.two 44-storey towers, shopping malls and parks, and will finally give Barcelona a window to the sea.

Nevertheless, COOB faces controversy over the next 12 months on a number of fronts. For instance:

Ticket sales. Only 361.786 out of a possible 4.7 million tickets were sold in Spain in the first phase of sales that ended June 18, while combined worldwide sales topped

out at 1.5 million. All told, sixty-five per cent of the tickets remain unsold.

"That's typical of Spain," said Josep Luis Villaseca, COOB's director-general of sports. "We do everything at the last minute, and that includes buying tickets."

Most of Barcelona's 43 Olympic venues are already in operation, ranging from the 60,000 seat Montjuic Stadium, where the opening and closing ceremonies and the track and field competition will be held to the 4,000 seat baseball stadium in Viladecans.

But there are problems. Stiff winds and power outages at Montjuic Stadium, coupled with a running track that was ravaged

by the Barcelona
Dragons of the World
League of American
Football, played havoc
with the European B Cup
track meet in late June,
prompting complaints
from athletes like world
record javelin thrower
Seppo Raty of Finland.

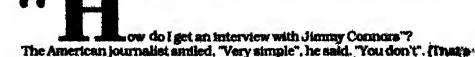
"It's unthinkable that this is the track they'll use next year in the Olympic Games," he said.

Meanwhile, the baseball and equestrian test events were largely ignored by the Catalan public, and it's slowly dawning on others that subsites like the rowing venue in Banyoles are practically in France.

COOB officials definitely are not panicking.

"If we finish everything on time, we will be over the moon," said Josep Miguel Abad, COOB's chief executive officer. "But if they are finished 30 days before the Olympics or one day, what is the difference."





the nice thing about these Yanks, they're so subtle.)

Anyway, this tall, well built American scribe, looked the perfect conduit to Connors, for not only was he representing a major US radio network, but he also appeared to know Jimbo well, being on first name terms with the legentiduring press conferences. Yet he explained, "Jimmy is not so hostile to the press these days. It's just that he is so tied up with his NBC work, his tennis, and with so many other things that I suppose it won't be worth trying here. You could try anywhere else, but not at this year's Wimbledon".

If that was bad news, getting to Connors the official way—through the Wimbiedon Press Office—was equally impossible. Much of it has to do with the Ali England Club's peculiar interview system: for barring the junior players, all interview requests have to be passed by the Press Office, whether it be Lendi or Sabatini or even an unknown player that you wish to speak with. After you enter your name at the Press Office, if the list of applicants exceeds eight then an exclusive interview is impossible. Instead, you get a general interview. If however, the list does not exceed eight, (let us say instead, five) the player concerned is given a choice—would he/she like to speak to them individually or collectively. As it is, such a system never works with the superstars, for there are never less than eight journalists anxious for an interview.

Yet, just as my dreams of an exclusive interview with Jimbo appeared heads ed for the dustbin, something happened. At a press conference one day, Jimbo joked, "Where do I go from here (tenniswise)? I don't know. All I can tell you is that from here I go straight to the NBC tent. I have to do some commen-

tary". NBC tent, I thought, here I come.

Despite not having the necessary credentials to enter the television press area, after much persuasion I managed to convince the security guard to let me in. It appeared a futile exercise, for Jimbo was still on the air, and with the NBC tent situated bang opposite the kitchen's garbage bin, waiting was becoming a rather smelly problem.

Then finally, one hour and ten minutes later, James Scott Connors made an appearance. As I hurriedly blurted out my request, he said, "Why do you

want this interview? Can you explain?".

I had my answer ready: "Mr. Connors, this is my first grand slam tournament and it could be my last. I belong to a third world country and unlike other journalists we don't have the opportunity to tour the circuit. So this is a kind of once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me. If I don't get this interview now, I may never get it at all".

Connors nodded sagely and said. "Okay, you came through the Press Office".

When I explained that all such attempts had failed, he replied, "Then you have to take permission from NBC, because I'm working for them".

"I don't know anyone in NBC", I argued, "and what guarantee is there that

they will approve my request"?

Connors, the gentleman, finally saw my point and beckoned to a fellow standing nearby (Bob Basche, NBC's liaison officer) and said, "Bob, could you set up an interview with this gentleman in the coming two or three days".

Basche arranged the interview for the day after, allowing me 18 minutes with Connors, the only interruption being when he had to go off and interview Agassi himself.

It had been tough but I thinkly had my exchance. And moreover unlike many other top players. Connors did not change me even a dollar. Why, he never even raised the topic. Such tashe stuff that makes a legend.



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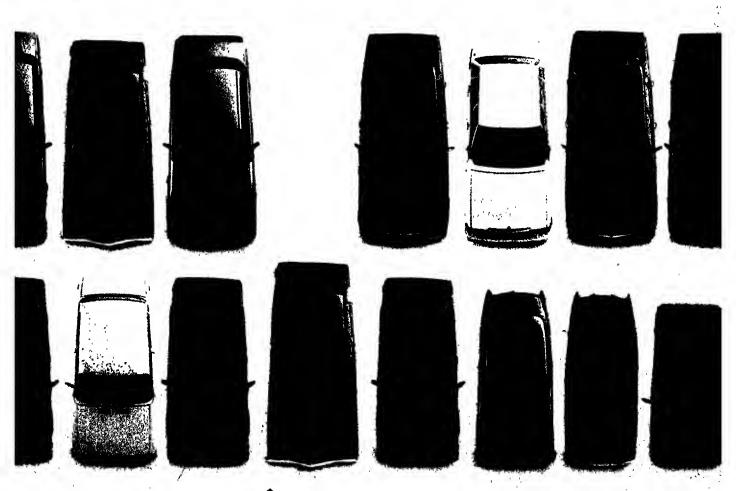
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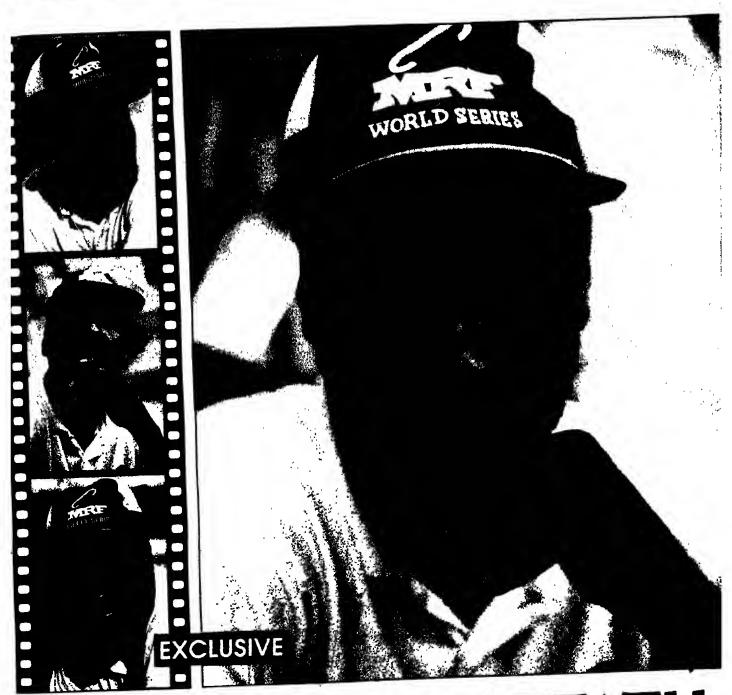
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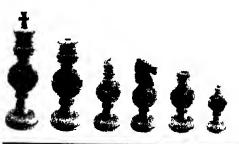
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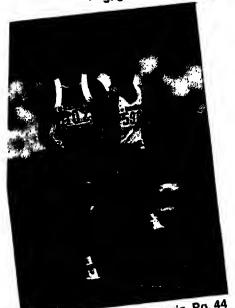
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# PRIVATE EYE

WE LOOK
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Becker may be famous but is not always so endearing

#### **FLOORED**

Tourist boom

ORIS BECKER
might be an
honoured
guest at the Ali
England Club. But he's
not likely to be made

so welcome by the rest of Britain.

You see, he's wrecked the holiday plans of 90 British tourists by taking over two floors at a package tour hotel. Scheduled to move into the \$30 a night Hotel Sonne in

Kirchberg, Austria, the tourists were informed hours before boarding a flight from Heathrow that Boris had dashed their plans. Having originally booked six rooms, he phoned late last fortnight to request 13 more

rooms for his
entourage for two
weeks while he
played at the Austrian
Open in Kitzbuehel.
Bookings for the
tourists were
cancelled, of course.
Needless to say, the

Needless to say, the Brits were not amused.



#### **CONDITIONING**

**Coming Home** 

DRUG free Diego Maradona is finally regalning his senses and wants to return to competitive football in Italy. He has again offered his services to Napoli and they are reported to be pleased, and are willing to welcome him back again. Maradona, however, has set a number of conditions through his business manager Marcos Franchi.

According to the stipulations laid down by Maradona, he reportedly wants (a) to stay in a hotel (b) a salary increase (c) a month's holiday a year (d) seven days free a month to continue his treatment in Argentina (e) lengthening of his contract which expires in 1993, by a year (f) payment which the club owes him from November 1990 to February '91 and (g) to advise the club on soccer matters. Negotiations are on hold till these clauses are discussed by the club officials.

Maradona (left) with a fellow superstar at Wembley: offering his services to Napoli again



### MARRIED TO THE MOB

Event of the year

FTER having been married off by the Press to almost everyone in Hollywood, from their

Ashok Amritraj (right) with Cory Everson. Mummy's chosen the bride sexy starlets to the nubile nymphets in South India, Ashok Amritraj has finally consented to marry a girl of his parents' choice. "The girl has been chosen by us and Ashok has agreed," said Mrs. Maggie Amritraj to Sportsworld.

On being asked as to who the girl was, Mrs. Amritraj said that it was a secret and would only be divulged to the press after August 15, as the dates before that were inauspicious. "But don't worry, you'll be the first to know as soon as we get things in gear." she said. Given the Amritrais' connections this could well turn out to be the media event of the year.

#### 'DRIVING' INTO TROUBLE

Nicklaus gets it

OLF legend Jack Nicklaus has been linked to a multi-million pound land scandal in Thailand where he has a £10 million contract to design 14 golf courses.

Thai forest officials alleged that Nicholas' company, Golden Bear, apparently bulldored wast areas of irreplaceable tropical rain forests. Even worse, police have also slapped the company with cases ranging from forged documents, the murders of ten forest officials over the last one year and various incriminating evidence.

Golden Bear Nicklaus: life with golf isn't always so smooth





Martina; home is where the heart once was

#### LOCK OUT

**Homeless Martina** 

WRTHER humiliation was in store for Martina Navratilova. First she was sued by her former companion Judy Nelson for an astronomical sum for infidelity. Now she's been thrown out of her home by Miss Nelson.

In an exclusive TV interview to Barbara
Walters, Navratilova claimed that she had been
staying at an assistant's house since Judy changed
the locks of their home in Aspen, Colorado. An
incensed Martins and that the woman with whom
she lived 'almost like a married couple' betrayed
her by tricking her into signing a cohabitation
agreement. The wages of sin, they call it.

SPORTSWORLD EXCLUSIVE

# Where's Viv?

Shrabani Basu spent over a week trying to arrange an interview with Viv Richards. This is her story

'M not usually in the habit of walking into men's dressing rooms. It can be distressing at the best of times. In retrospect, I'll say I was reduced to desperation. When one is tracking Viv Richards, one often is.

I got thrown out of course. The West Indies team—all in various stages of undress—didn't take kindly to the female intrusion. A polite English attendant led me out. Soaking outside the pavilion, holding a frail brolly to London's grey skies, I wondered how it had come to this. The Caribbean King had originally promised to meet me in Bristol and give me a lengthy interview. He had said "No problem, love," as if it was easy as rain.

I learnt otherwise. Once in Bristol, Viv couldn't be traced. He was never in his room, rarely on the field. I took to paging him, leaving messages by the hour. The hotel staff were sympathetic, a Jamaican friend sharing his room was positively rude, and of course there was no reply from Richards.

The next stop was Chelmsford: I caught up with Viv again.

"Hello, love," says he, cool as cucumber.

"When do I meet you," I virtually exploded.

"Why didn't you come to Bristol." he says, as if nothing had happened. "I thought we would meet there."

There was no point blowing your top. That privilege rests only with Viv.."I couldn't get

# THE VIV



On the eve of his last Test
match, Viv Richards spoke
to Sportsworld's London
correspondent
SHRABANI BASU

# RICHARDS FAREUL INTERVIEW



How do you feel today, on the eve of your last Test match? You know, a lot of people think that it may be a time of sadness, but I don't look at it that way (smiles). Because one's got to think about the wonderful things that we've had in life and the times we've gone out and had a good time. So I would like to think it's a wonderful occasion. And I feel maybe that the time is right, in the sense, that I will look forward to playing my last Test match in this country. But I'm hoping to play a little of the World Cup if I do get a chance, and

Playing your last Test match at the Oval must be very special for you, because it's here that you scored 291 runs, your highest Test score...

then that'll be the final curtain.

(Laughs) Yes, it's got some wonderful memories, and what I'd like to do maybe is turn back the hand of time. At this moment, though, I would just like to play as well as I can and enjoy the game as much as one can. If you could do that, that would be wonderful.

### It also must be very special, playing your last match with lan Botham...

Yeah, it's a marvellous sort of feeling, because of the wonderful time we had as friends. He's one of my best friends and we shared a flat together and did so many things together. So it's the perfect sort of setting in a sense to have him here at the Oval. Yeah, it's nice, I'm very pleased that's he's back. But I don't want to wish him too well.

#### And what of the future? Will you go back to Antigua?

Yes, I do see this as a stepping stone. I always said that when I came to this country, when I finished whatever, that I was very privileged to be here and be helped by so many wonderful people and things like that. And it's nice that I can go back home to celebrate my birthdays and try to see that everything works

well. And if I'm half as successful as I was on the cricket field, well then I will be very happy.

#### Will you be entering politics in Antigua?

Yes, I see myself doing some work in that area because I always have been. A lot of people have often said, how can cricketers get involved in politics and things like

A lot of people think it (his last Test) may be a time of sadness, but I don't look at it that way.

Because one has to think about the wonderful times we've had in life

that. Well, obviously cricket comes first, and I've got interests other than cricket, like other sports. Plus my other interest is politics. And it's nice to have a different love. Because if you are concentrating only on one thing then you would become a little bored with life doing the same thing over and over again. So it's nice to have that interest apart from cricket and for me, that's politics.

On the subject of politics, you're very conscious of being black, and...

(Interrupts) Yeah, that's how I like to be identified.

Sure, so what phase in your life did this consciousness come about? Was it because of any racist experience you had, in your days of county cricket in Britain or at any other time?

Well, I think as a black person living in Europe you are going to be confronted with, and certainly I was confronted with, lots of things of that nature. But it was never that. I always had this belief that I was humanitarian in a way and I always wanted to see through, I left so many messages," I had to stop myself from screaming.

Says Viv: "You see, I know so many people in that area, I have many friends, so I was rarely in."

Sure I know. "Okay London, this time," I persisted.

"I'll be too busy in London, my love. Too many meetings, no rest-day, very difficult, I wouldn't like to keep you in a jam."

I already was, I told myself. "I'll contact you in London, you have to give me some time."

"Okay I'll be at the Westbury Hotel".

"I'll ring you," I said.

London, Monday August 5: The usual routine of ringing the hotel and the Oval. No luck. Then late at night, finally Viv answers the phone: "Tomorrow's too difficult. No time. We practice in the morning. There are meetings after that. I

During the interview a rain-soaked lan Botham came up and thumped him on the back. There were other interruptions too from his fellow Caribbeans. Yet through the ruckus and noise Viv talked, as he always has, straight from the heart

wouldn't like to get too tired," he says.

"I'll meet you at the Oval," I told him. "We'll talk in between practice." I couldn't be bothered making an appointment.

Tuesday August 6: Eve of the fifth Test match. The cameras and scribes are all there at the Oval, picking up comments from Viv and lan Botham as they practice. I let the cameras finish clicking and remind Viv that I'm there.

"I have to finish fielding practice, and then I have some work and then we'll try," says the great man. He's flashily dressed in a white Slazenger track suit, gold chain, gold bracelet inscribed with his nick-name 'Smokey" and walking with his usual stroll of confidence. He's also just finished snubbing a Western journalist, who wanted him to say something funny. "I don't believe in being funny," he told him. The six-foot journalist looked like he was

people of my colour, get their just reward.

#### Have you ever met Nelson Mandela? No. I haven't.

#### Would you like to?

Yes, I would like to meet him, I think he's a remarkable man. We all have a list of people we would most like to meet and people we most admire and things like that, and he's on my list. But I haven't seen him and I haven't met him, but I've seen him on television and read about him in the papers. And certainly from the things that he has done and the struggle that he has

been through, he's a remarkable man and most certainly an individual that I think nobly of. People, and not just black people, people who are from a particular minority race or whatever, these are the people we should look to try and emulate, because they've been through it all and they are the ones who can tell the true story.

And how do you look at the return of South Africa to international cricket?

Well, I said so at the time that I was a little bit surprised, because I felt there's a lot to be done with regard to the changes that are going on in South Africa. I remember that I did say as well, that the South African Cricket Union has made remarkable progress in trying to bring about a change in apartheid in South Africa and I want to applaud the things that they have done. But the government still

I think Nelson Mandela is a remarkable man. We all have a list of people we would most like to meet and he's on my list ...maybe if the time is right and we all are happy with the progress that's been made, well then it would be wonderful to play in South Africa

rules...I just feel it's not the time and enough hasn't been gained in that sense. Those are my honest beliefs.

Do you ever think you'll play in South Africa?

Well, I've had numerous offers and invitations and things like that and, yeah, one would like to be there. I think it's a remarkable type of a cricketing country with lots of talent, and it'll be sad for such talent to be wasted and not put on the world market, because if you are a great sports lover you'll want to see all that. So maybe if the time is right and we all are happy with the progress that's been made, well then it would be wonderful to play in South Africa.

Do you see the new ICC regulations of limiting one bouncer per over as a racist step by the white cricketing countries? No, I wouldn't say it's a racist step, but I would say it's a step to stop the people who have been performing reasonably well like ourselves. It's a sort of weapon that we've had and we've been successful with over the years. I feel personally, in a way, that it is an attempt to try and cripple the way we play. But class is permanent and form is temporary (smiles) and I'm quite confident that as long as you can play cricket to the best of your ability, it shouldn't stop you from

continuing to perform at

the very top.

Do you think there is any class coming out of the West Indies team now? Most of the older generation like Greenidge and Marshali are on their way out aren't they? Yeah, there's quite a lot of young talent. Maybe because we haven't been given a chance to come and play county cricket like we did in the past, that you're gonna get a little lull in our performances. But if we have the right methods and administrators and things like that we could build on our success. But in sport everything goes in cycles and today you're up and tomorrow you're down and if we do get down, we have

to pick ourselves up and because we know what the path of success is and we have to try and follow that.

Which innings do you regard as your most memorable? My most memorable...Ah, one would feel that was while playing in my home town in Antigua where I scored the fastest century in a Test match. It was something to do with the situation. When you do

things in front of your home crowd, it's always something very special. Seeing that we're just a new sort of a Test match venue, it was very wonderful to have done that in front of my home crowd.

How important is your background to your game of cricket? Being born in Antigua, playing on the beaches, would you say that played a part in shaping your game and your philosophy of cricket?

going to die, "I'll meet you later, Shrabani," he sald. At least he'd got the name right.

Well, the rains came to my rescue. Richards didn't get any fielding practice. The television crew charged into the pavilion with their equipment and I took it as heaven sent. I followed the team to the dressing room, and the rest is history.

But my luck was looking up. The great man took pity at my plight, strolled out, and asked me to follow him. I was finally to be given the time I had asked for.

Sitting in the pavilion restaurant, watching the rain soak the pitch at the Oval, where he would play his 121st and last Test the next day. Viv Richards, finally went on record. There was no trace of sadness. The batting legend from Antigua had already shed his tears at Edgbaston. There, victory for West Indies had

Viv is king in Antigua. His wedding was broadcast live on radio and once in a match against St. Kitts, the crowds howled so much in protest when he was given out that the umpires brought him back to play

been doubly sweet, because it was his six which lifted them to it. His teammates had carried him out. Richards had held his bat aloft and confessed later that he had allowed himself to cry.

The great master would have the satisfaction of leaving the game with a final flourish, ending a Test career that began in Bangalore in November 1974 and ended at the Oval in 1991. Don Bradman had cried during his last Test at the Oval in 1948 and gone out on zero. Viv wouldn't go like that.

Beneath the veneer of arrogance, the "lean and mean" look, and the carefully cultivated swagger, it was plain that Richards was ruthlessly honest, easy going and wont to speak his mind. If it meant walking through a crowd and seeking out a bigot, he'd do it. If he wanted to confront somebody in the Press box he would.

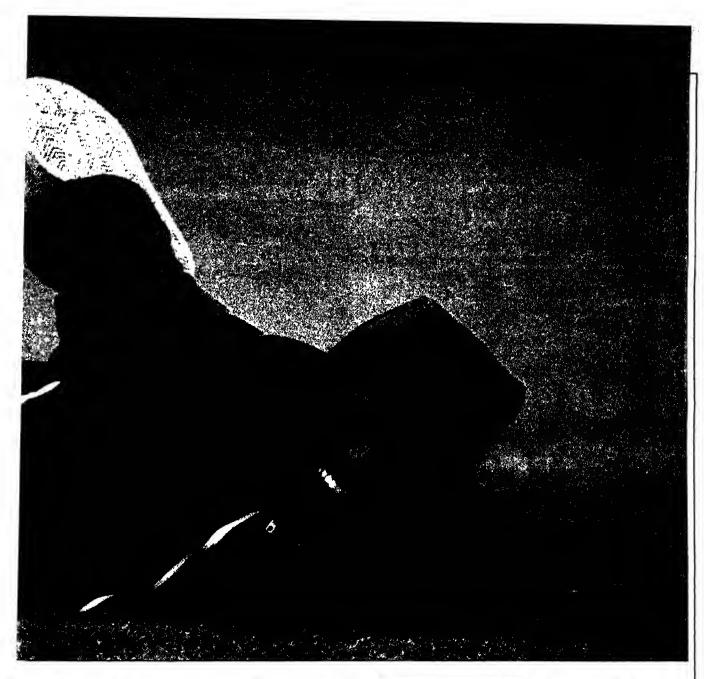


Yeah, it did have a part to play. Playing on the beaches sounds like a little bit of fun, but it did make you physically organised as well. Because when we finished we'd all jump into the water and we'd swim around for a little. So you always kept active. And one always thought that swimming was the best form of exercise and that worked very well, I think.

Also, we played a slightly wild game of cricket, there was nothing defensive about it. And we hardly had any protective clothing. It developed our instincts, I think. We just learnt to deal with the bouncers and play them. Yeah, all that did make up our essential cricketing style.

You had a lot of Rastafarian friends in Antigua. You identified strongly with Rastas. But you never became one yourself. Also the West Indies team never had any Rastafarians. Why was this?

Yeah, my friends, people I've grown up with and known for a long long time are Rastas. Regardless of



whether I'm elevated as captain of the West Indian cricket team, they are human beings and so people have got to understand them. What I think is wrong with this particular world is that some of us have got this feeling that we've got certain classes and things like that. I don't look at class, I'm just as good as anyone. Some people think that because you have the most money in the world you can go and treat people. in a particular way. No. There is a judge here above us all. And that judge is the Mighty Father who is God and you don't go around treating people badly. And I look at life in a particular way. I've got friends and these are people I went to school with, they weren't Rastas when we went to school, that is the only difference. They took up the religion as they went on in life. And they're still my friends, regardless of what they believe.

And no, I'm not a Rasta, I was never a Rasta. I just happened to be around with people who I knew when I went to school. And they say that's the sort of finest friends that you can get. You can never

No, no, no, no. I'm no ladies man. Yeah, I like girls, who doesn't? I'm just a normal human being find nothing else as strong and as firm as that sort of friendship. So I would never ever change it.

But why aren't there any Rastas in the West Indies team? I believe one player was asked to cut his hair. Do you know about this? Well, you'don't find much of these guys who do play. Most of those who play, play different kinds of sport.

They're West Indian but they don't normally play. They're a minority in cricket in the sense they tend to stay more with football and soccer and things like that.

Always a crusader for his island, colour and race, Viv has written in his autobiography: "I believe very strongly in the black man asserting himself in this world, and, over the years, I leaned towards many movements that follow this basic cause".

Viv's pride in being Antiguan is overwhelming. He's happy he's put the tiny Caribbean island on the map. And he plans to return to it to help his people, to clean up corruption and exploitation and join politics. In his little island, Viv is king. His wedding was broadcast live on radio and once in a match against St. Kitts when he was given out, the crowd howled so much in protest that the umpires brought him back to play. The move surprised even Viv.

His fairy-tale marriage to fellow-Antiguan Miriam, who he knew since the age of eight, is part of the island's history. It is to them and the two children, son Mali and daughter Matara,

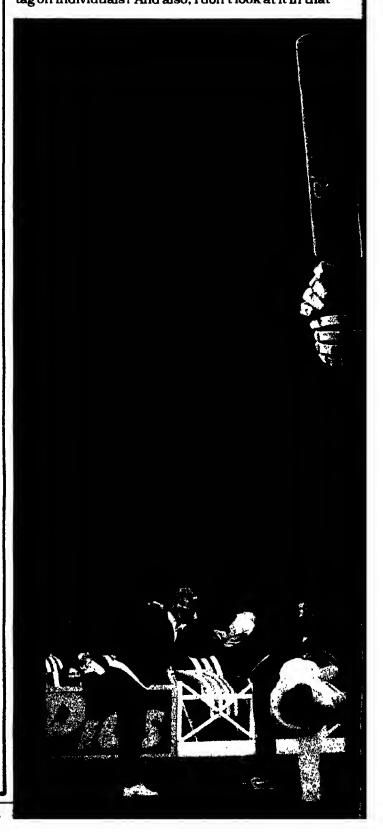
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Viv wants to return after his last match.

The Antiguan in Richards surfaces easily. He's relaxed, charming and smiles often. This last Test would be even more special to him because he would be playing with long-term friend Ian Botham, whom the English selectors had brought in to save the last match. It made, as Viv said, the perfect setting for the finale. Ian and Viv had played for Somerset together. After Viv's dismissal from Somerset, Ian had resigned as well. Ian had flown in for Viv's marriage in Antigua and the two were long-standing chums.

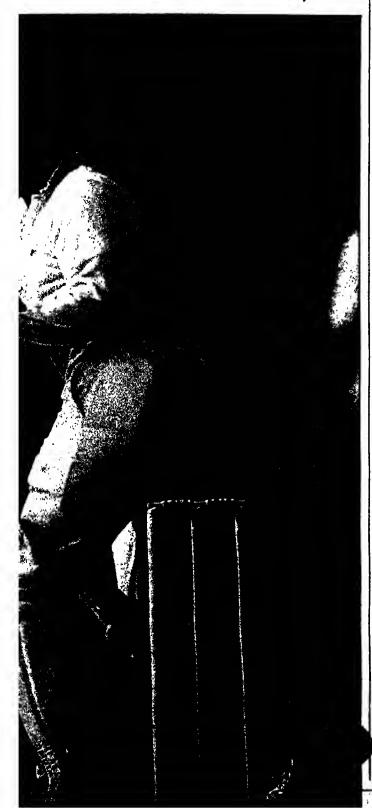
During the interview, a rain-soaked Ian walked up and thumped his back. There were several interruptions, as Viv was asked to come for a meeting and other fellow Caribbeans didn't think twice before interrupting us and asking mundane questions about lunch. Yet, through the ruckus and noise Viv talked, as he always has, straight from the heart.

How do you react to being called an arrogant person? Well, I don't look at it that way. No one knows me, no one actually knows the real me. No human being can put a tag on me. That's totally ridiculous for anybody to put a tag on any individual. Who are they to put a tag on individuals? And also, I don't look at it in that



particular way. Whatever they want to call me, 'Angry this and angry that", I know that I'm filled with confidence, God-given confidence, and this is what I call the confidence in me.

You have often clashed with the Western media,



particularly on one occasion with an English journalist.-How do you feel about the media in general?

(Broad smile) Well, I've clashed with people when I've said what I want to say. This is how life should be.

### And how do you feel when you're described as a ladies man?

(Laughs) Ah. No, no, no, no. I'm no ladies man. If people think that...It's nice of you to think that, but no, I don't go around thinking that about life, that I'm this or I'm that. I'm just a normal human being and just expect the sort of things as every normal human being does. Yeah, I like girls, who doesn't? I'm just a normal human being.

### Your very first Test match was In India. How did you react to India at the time?

It's always a fascinating thing to go to India. Because you see so many levels. I'm an individual who likes to go places that are filled with culture and I think India

is filled with lots of culture. There are certain places where you've got to put on a tie and a suit, and things like that. And I know in India, there may be places like that, but on the whole it's a warm culture with wonderful jests, warm people and national jests like we have. Also it does matter to me that we all tend to shy away from our local little cultures, and want to be identified with being European or whatever. But India is not like that and it's a country that I have thoroughly enjoyed. You do get a lot of people who don't want to tour India. But no one can say that I've shied away from wanting to go to India.

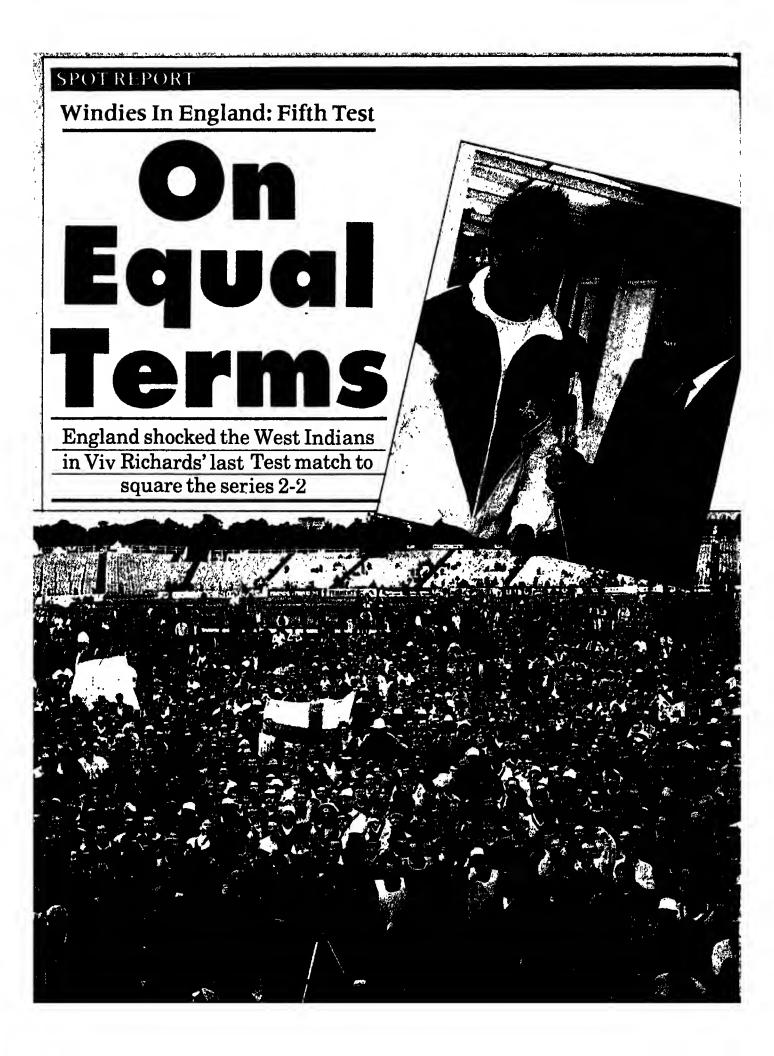
Playing my last Test with lan Botham is a marvellous feeling. He's one of my best friends and I'm very pleased that he's back. But I don't wish him too well

## Do you remember any one occasion when you blew your top, I mean really badly?

I've blown my top on numerous occasions. I'm not an individual who regrets most times what I have done. But I think there are times I've got cause and there are times that you don't. There are times when I've done and I've no regret and there are times that I've done things, that I do regret.

And at the end of the day, are you looking forward to getting back to Antigua, Miriam and the kids?

Yes, I am. I'm really looking forward to going back and doing something with myself now for my people.



**HE summer** of 1988 was described as a 'black wash'. England had lost four of the five Tests. Greenidge and Gomes had made inaccessible mountains of runs and Viv Richards had destroyed the English bowling. The eight-wicket victory at the Oval was more special as the predominantly black neighbourhoods of Brixton and Clapham waved their support. Outside the ground, Caribbean steel bands were in full flow. Inside. the West Indian carnival was in full swing. Amidst that euphoria, a nostalgic Viv Richards conceded that it was almost as if they were playing at home. That was three years ago.

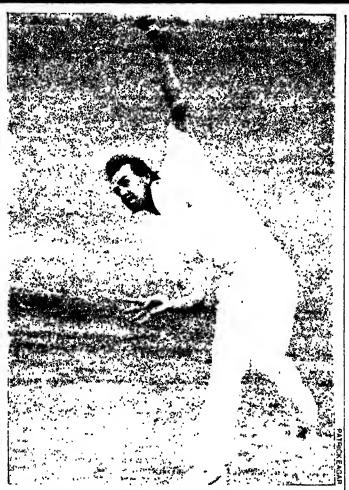
By 1991, the Oval had completely changed. The Caribbean carnival was missing. Not too many iri the second generation of blacks are interested in cricket any more, argued the English media. But that's only half the story: in a climate of unprecedented recession and rising unemployment, British blacks have suffered the most, and not many can afford the luxury of Test cricket at £18 a day. To make matters worse. West Indies lost the Test by five wickets.

The Test at the Oval was drama at its best; full of twists and turns and hopes and disappointments. Every day had a saga of chivalry and a tale of misfortune. It all began with Robin

Graham Geoch being interviewed by Tonny Lawis

Crowds celebrate an England wile

PHOTOGRAPHIC PATRICK EAGAR



Smith's quiet but ruthless emasculation of the West Indian pace battery. He batted just short of six hours to score 109, his sixth century in his 50th Test innings. Graham Gooch also stood solid as a rock for 60 while Chris Lewis, with an unbeaten 47, was able to prove that he had the technique and temperament to play Test cricket.

Adding to the drama was the return of lan Botham. Screaming headlines declared it a 'national event'. The Evening Standard even going as far as to proclaim 'The talisman inspires England simply by being there'. On the Thursday morning when Gooch decided to bat after winning the toss, Botham was greatly relieved. Not feeling up to the mark, the legendary allrounder acted on

manager Micky Stewart's advice and missed the morning workout. In fact, till lunch he remained asleep on a bench in the English dressing room. Finally, on Friday morning, when Alec Stewart lofted Patterson into the covers and Richardson made no mistake, the Oval filled with an air of expectancy. First they clapped, then they cheered, and finally they roared as the burly Botham slowly descended into the arena to conquer the unconquered.

A hostile Curtly
Ambrose greeted him
with a bouncer, and
followed it up with a long,
hard stare. Botham
responded with a smile.
Calm and mature, such
irivalities don't bring his
blood to a boil anymore.
But true to form, his exit

#### Phil Tufnell's devastating spell did the trick for England

was more dramatic than his entry. Ambrose bounced chest high again, and Botham lost his balance, eventually trying to hurdle the stumps as he fell backwards. The net result: a disturbed leg bail. Yet, it had been a reincarnation of a flamboyant, tearaway cricketer as a disciplined and restrained player. Botham had batted for 131 minutes, faced 82 deliveries and scored 31 runs. Simon Barnes surely had Botham's century off just 87 balls. scored aimost a decade ago at Headingley, in mind when he wrote 'We have had Botham unbound so many times before: yesterday brought us Botham in chains.

The hero of the glorious Saturday was surely Phil Tufnell, who took six wickets in 33 bails of which just four runs were scored. The Gods were smiling on this irritable and undisciplined young boy, nicknamed by his Middlesex colleagues as 'Ceruifnell'. The leit-arm protege of former England spinner John Emburey looped and spun his deliveries like a hangman's noose. A hard bouncy pitch, a helpful breeze and three catches by that giant slip-shark lan Botham proved a real blessing for the artful dodger.

Meanwhile, in the West Indies camp the clouds of doom darkened. Viv. the destroyer; Marshall, the great allrounder; Ambrose, the 'Big Bird'; Lambert, the newcomer; Walsh, ihe ferocious; and Patterson'. They all walked in one by one to put their heads into the noose. Never before was such a brainless batting

display witnessed by the admirers of the West Indies.

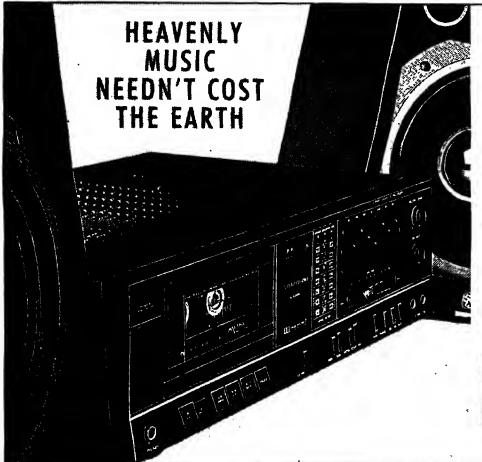
As the knights of King Richards surrendered one by one, only **Desmond Haynes** remained unbowed. But even the most valiant of efforts saw him stranded at a personal score of 75. In a short span of 286 minutes and 57.3 overs, the world's mightiest batting lineup was back in the pavilion, only to return after a short rest. The West Indians forced to follow on! For England, it was a rare achievement. They had waited 22 years since Ray Illingworth invited the West Indies to follow-on, way back in 1969.

The unrelenting drama spilled over onto the fourth day. But for Gooch and Co. the road to victory seemed ever so long. The magical touch of Tufnell had vanished.



#### Does the sheer presence of lan Botham lift England's game a couple of notches?

Haynes carried on from where he had left off in the first innings for 43 before he was trapped leg-before. Richie Richardson, unbeaten on 108, seemed determined to avenge the humiliation of the first Innings. And Viv Richards played his final Test innings. Those present at the Oval on that day will always proudly recollect the ultimate demonstration of the art and style of batsmanship. After 164 minutes, 105 balls and 60 runs, Richards mishit Lawrence to mid on where a vigilant Morris ended the career of the great West Indian. Slowly, with heavy strides, he began his last journey to a Test pavilion. He doffed his



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#### SCORECARD

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#### Robin Smith leads the English celebration with champagne

cap to a grateful and gratified crowd. His eyes were wet, though there was no trickle of tears.

It had been a performance which inspired the erudite Barnes to pen 'Richards has been a kind of sporting Steve Biko...he has exemplified and perpetrated the vitally important idea of black consciousness, of black pride, of black victory,'

pride, of black victory.'
And yet, looming on
the horizon was the
unforgiving fate of an
inevitable defeat. One
that was ensured by Alec
Stewart and Ian Botham
after the West Indian
pacemen had created a
flutter early in the
English second innings.

Vijay Rana, London

Charles and the Breeze

# THE NUM

#### **WEST INDIES - BATTING**

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C L Hooper	5	9	2	271	38 71	111	1	2	9
C B Lambert	1	2		53	26 50	39			2
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M D Márshall	5	7	1	116	19 33	67		1	
P V Simmons	5	10		181	18 10	38			4
P J Dujon	5	7		89	12 71	33			17
C A Walsh	5	7		66	9 42	18			
B P Patterson	3	5	3	11	5 50	5			1
C E L Ambrose	5	7		37	5 28	17			
I B A Allen	2	2	2	5		4			1
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#### Centuries (3):

111—C.L. Hooper at Lord's and 104 and 121—R.B. Richardson at Edgbaston and Oval respectively

#### Hundred partnerships (2):

121 (4th wicket) between Hooper and Richards at Lord's and 121 (5th wicket) between Rich ards and Logic at Trent bridge



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	ENGLAND DATITING										
•		lnn	No	Runs	Avge	HS	1005	50s	Ct.		
R A Smith	<del>-</del> <del>-</del> <del>-</del> -	7	2	416	83 20	148	2		2		
A J Stewart	1	2	1	69	69 00	38			4		
C C Lewis	2	3	1	125	62 50	65		1	3		
G A Gooch	5	9	1	480	60 00	154	1	2	6		
IT Botham	1	2	1	35	35 00	- 31			3		
M R Ramprakash	5	9		210	23 13	29			4		
PAJ DeFreitas	5	8	1	134	19 14	55		1	1		
DR Pringle	4	7		128	18 28	45			1		
D A Lawrence	2	3		47	15 66	34					
R K Illingworth	2	4	2	31	15 50	13			1		
A J Lamb	4	7		88	12 57	29			7		
H Morris	2	4		50	12 50	44			1		
G A Hick	4	7		75	10 71	43			8		
R C Russel	4	7		73	10 42	46			5		
M A Atherton	5	9		79	8 77	32			.3		
D E Malcolm	2	3	1	9	4 50	5*			1		
S L Watkin	2	3		8	2 66	6					
P C R Tufnell	1	1		2	2 00	2					
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Centuries (3):

154\* —G A Gooch at Headingley 148\* and 109—R A Smith at Lord s and Oval respectively Hundred partnerships (2):

108 and 112 (both for 1st wicket) between Gooch and Atherton at Trent Bridge and Gooch and Morris at the Oval Vivian Richards: five 50's in his farewell series

# ERS GAME

#### **WEST INDIES — BOWLING**

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Lambert	1506	68	560	28	20.00	6-52
Ambrose Marshall	1033	35	442	20	22 10	4-33
Patterson	705	20	389	13	29 92	5-81
Walsh	1122	42	493	15	32.86	4-64
Allen	282	4	180	5	36 00	2-69
Hooper	384	12	137	2	68.50	1-10
Richards	30	1	6	0	-	-
Simmons	18	0	7	0	-	-
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Robin Smith: the best England bet



Richie Richardson: highest batting average

# PERFECT

URICH recently provided an ominous foretaste of what those making tracks for Tokyo can expect when the World Athletics Championships begin there on 24th August: stinking heat, prices producing sweat-beads as profusely as the humidity, the Americans clean-sweeping the sprints and the Africans running off with the rest.

One difference was that gold medals were not on offer for the winners, just a bonus gold bar apiece to the American sprint relay team as the promised reward for setting a new world record.

Carl Lewis thought it was very nice, though probably he would have preferred diamonds. He's always been a diamond man. He wears them on his fingers and in his ear. After all, they are for ever, which is just about how long he seems to have been around as the world's greatest athlete still performing.

His successful anchoring of Leroy Burrell, Mike Marsh and Dennis Mitchell, brought his fourth share of a world relay record in eight years—curiously the only records he has set in a career embracing six Olympic and five

World Championship gold medals.

As a matter of record. too, it was an official American team, not quite the same Santa Monica Track Club ieam which had equalled the French-held record before in Monte Carlo. In Zurich, Mitchell had replaced Floyd Heard, and in Tokyo there is to be another change when Andre Cason comes in for Marsh.

The Americans have a simple way of selecting their relay squad—the first four across the line in the national championships. 'It's not perfect, but it's fair,' says the Santa Monica and US relay coach, Tom Tellez. 'In this way the team picks itself. If it wasn't this four, it would be another four. In America we are lucky to have such gifted sprinters.

Such showmen, too. In Monte Carlo, Lewis and company, running as Santa Monica, flew round like trapeze artists, clad in black tights and see-through tops. And in their latest trackside gear—designed by Lewis

WHAT makes him (Lewis) so phenomenal is his mind. He just blocks everything out: the fatigue, the pressure, everything. Burn-out? He doesn't know the meaning of the phrase. He's got a heart that doesn't get old. Tom Tellez

Santa Monica and US relay coach

# FIMING!

and Burrell—they might have been head waiters aitending their own Christmas party. If they didn't move so fast, you'd think they were posers.

But don't knock it.
Santa Monicans won 60
per cent of the
American's track gold
medals in Scoul, and
there could be more than
a fistful in both Tokyo
and Barcelona.

Until recently Lewis was the natural leader of the pack. Although not exactly highkicking it back in the chorus line. Lewis is no longer quite the prima donna he was. These days the microphones are always first thrust under the nose of Burrell, who talks even faster than he runs.

But it would be foolishly premature to think of Lewis ever settling for second best. Tellez, the Angelo Dundee of athletics, who coaches both Lewis and Burrell, says he would not be surprised if the old Olympic champion finishes ahead of the new world record holder in Tokyo.

Between the showers of back-slapping that greeted his orchestration of the 37.67 sec relay masterpiece, Tellez, a sprints coach for 34 years, talked of the possibility of a new 100 metres record in Tokyo. 'Leroy could do it again, but so could Carl. I wouldn't bet a single dime on which of them

Carl Lewis, who has just turned 30 is far from being a spent force. In fact he's all set to take a geared up US team into history once again when the World Athletics Championships start in Tokyo

will run fastest, though if Carl improves his start it could be him.'

What makes him so phenomenal, says
Tellez, is his mind. 'He just blocks everything out: the fatigue, the pressure, everything. Burn-out? He doesn't know the meaning of the phrase. He's got a heart that doesn't get old.'

Tellez may be on to something. Lewis has always been a man for the occasion rather than the clock. With his bete noire, Ben Johnson, fed ignominiously into the statistical shredder, Lewis has been able to get on with his athletic life.

He is at the most fragile time in any sportsman's career, having turned 30 the night he and Johnson were both beaten by Mitchell in Lille last month; but he reminds us that he is still younger than Linford Christie.

America may never have liked the cut of his jib, even less that of his now red-tinged hair, but he is the sport's greatest survivor.

The unity of the US relay team contrasts disturbingly with Britain's. The Americans are all about Stars and Stripes, the British about stars and strife. The baton still lies where it was dropped. midway between Linford Christie and the national coach. Frank Dick.

According to Christie. Britain's relay problems will remain while Dick continues to coach the relay squad, but if things were right, he says, they could beat the Americans in Tokyo.

Had he been eavesdropping. Lewis would have smiled. He has been there before. So have the US. Lewis fell out with the management in Seoul when he preferred to practise with Santa Monica rather than with the official team, but it all became academic when a sans-Lewis squad dropped the baton in the first round and missed the final.

Now, like the entire American contingent, they have got it together again. in perfect time for Tokyo. Perfect timing. That's what it is all about. Ask the Swiss.

**Alan Hubbard** 

The Santa Monica 4×100m relay team in their black tights and see—through tops celebrating, after they equalised the French world record with 37.79 seconds at the Monaco Grand Prix. (From left) Mike Marsh, Floyd Heard, Leroy Burrell and Carl Lewis





**VIV RICHARDS** 

# THEFINAL

# SWAGGER

RICKET's oldest Test ground has embraced a fair amount of history down the years, but there could rarely have been a keener sense of anticipation than there was for the match starting at The Oval. A series to be settled, the return of the prodigal, and the final curtain call for one of the world's greatest batsmen.

The stage, for once, does not belong to lan Botham, but Vivian Richards is none the less pleased to see him at the party. "I shared a flat with him for eight years, and to have him around when I'm saying farewell is perfect. I honestly hope it creates a wonderful energy in this match, and it really couldn't be better."

The world has not quite seen the last of Richards, who will be glaring down the pitch at them in this winter's World Cup, neither is it the last opportunity for English spectators to sample his genius. Richards will return in his

dotage to Glamorgan for the next two summers, but in the game's most ancient form of international combat, this is it.

"It cannot last for ever," he said,

**HEN Clive** Lloyd was asked to continue as captain Richards said, 'They are probably waiting or a blue-eyed blondé;' when ever his team's fast bowling tactics were questioned, he saw if as an attempt to keep the black man in his place



"and it is time for me to get into other things." The other things turn out to be politics, back home in Antigua, where, he says, he wants to clean up corruption and exploitation

"We don't just have to work in hotels and wait on tables. Whatever I get into—whether it's politics or playing marbles—I aim to give it my best shot," which presumably means Antiguan corruption disappearing through mid-wicket.

Richards is not idolised throughout the entire Caribbean—Afro-Asian and inter-island rivalries see to that—but in his native Antigua he is as near to a god as makes no difference. When he was once given out caught in a game against neighbouring St Kitts, the crowd staged a successful demonstration to have him reinstated. It led to Richards setting the most bizarre of all his

batting records by being out for nought three times in the same match.

He was a bit of a duffer at school, and is also subject to severe fluctuations in mood, utterly charming one minute, going off like a hand grenade (as a startled press box in Antigua discovered in 1990) the next.

Richards has never been a conformist, whether whipping off-stump deliveries through the on side in a way calculated to make a purist's eyeballs revolve, albeit not half as much as the bowler's. He speaks his mind, which has not always endeared him to the West Indian Cricket Board, and his smouldering resentment against what he perceives as a white man's world is never far from bubbling to the surface.

When Clive Lloyd was asked to continue as the West Indian captain in 1982, which he did for three more years, Richards said: "They are probably waiting for some blue-eyed blond." Whenever his team's fast bowling factics were questioned, he saw it as an attempt to keep the black man in his place. "The cricket world," he said in his last book, "is full of hypocrites and racists. They want to ruin our beautiful team, and see this particular race of people, from the West Indies, being put down."

It is perhaps this kind of suspicion that made him the batsman he is. Richards, more than any of the great players, sets out to destroy a bowler's mind as much as his figures. Hence the long wait for the outgoing batsman, the grand entrance on an unshared stage, a riflecrack as the first ball disappears through mid-wicket, and then the gum-chewing swagger down the pitch and the icy stare. He retires without ever having worn a crash helmet, because to have done so would have surrendered the arrogance essential to his game.

He is a religious man, but shares the Rastafarian leanings of his friends without, so to speak, having come entirely out of the closet. He is also an emotional one—shedding tears after Edgbaston earlier this summer

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when, his record of never having captained a West Indian side in a losing Test series intact, his team-mates rushed on to the field and chaired him off.

He has not been one of the more cerebral Test captains: nor, with four high-class fast bowlers permanently on tap, has he needed to be. On the rare occasions that he has been required to display some tactical nous, there has not been much forthcoming. When his bowlers were emasculated on Sydney's slow turner in 1988, Richards did little more than stand sulking in the slips.

The Medusa-like glare that Richards has largely reserved for bowlers and media irritants is now reflecting back at him through the mirror as he surveys the inroads that Father Time has made on his hairline, but he is departing, he

E was a bit of a duffer at school and is also subject to severe fluctuations in mood, utterly charming at one minute, going off like a hand grenade the next

says, without regrets. "I would have liked the most Test runs, and the most Test centuries, but I'm satisfied."

"Most of all I would have loved to have climbed on to an Olympic rostrum and heard the national anthem playing, but the next best thing was winning the first World Cup. For all our islands to have come together collectively and win it was the most moving thing I have experienced."

Not every deed in his career has been purely Corinthian, but when great cricketers depart the stage it is more appropriate to counter the pluses and the pleasures.

**Martin Johnson** 

# Issac Vivian Alexander Richards ELLAMA / ED





SSAC VIVIAN ALEXANDER RICHARDS tried unsuccessfully to negotiate a David Lawrence delivery at The Oval and for the last time walked the 80 yards from pitch to pavilion for the West Indies.

Wisden, years ago, had labelled his impact on the game as the greatest in the last 50 years, alongside Sir Don Bradman's and that of Sir Garfield Sobers. Social analysts have logged him selectively; for them he shares the air with Michael Jordan, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Jesse Owens and a boxer they called The Greatest.

Black pride did not, with the exception of Ali, find a more aggressive plug in recent times. Richards flaunted his ability and colour with relish. He prided on his African origin, carried a picture of Haile 'lion of Judah' Selassie on the dashboard of his car, wished he had been Steve Biko if only for a day, wore Rastafarian colours to a Test match and became the active cricketer's unofficial spokesman on apartheid. There is in this context an amusing anecdote: best-selling author Jeffrey Archer's son William, aged 9, was reading an article in *The Times* about the Brixton riots. "When he had finished," wrote Archer, "I tentatively asked him how he felt about the National Front's view that black people were somewhat inferior." 'Pathetic, 'replied the boy, 'none of them can have seen Vi Richards at the crease.'

Two instances prove his gum-chewing arrogance. When he returned to England on Lloyd's last tour in 1984, critics wondered whether he had jaded. Bob Willis went further; in a newspaper article he explained how Richards could be cheaply dismissed. Someone showed the newspaper clipping to the Antiguan. Richard scored 145 at Lord's, 100 in boundaries. At Manchester he cornere Willis; of his 65, 53 were off Willis. Five of the first seven deliveries that Willis bowled to him were hit for fours. Of his first 44 runs, all o. Willis, 10 were boundaries. 'If someone had invented an intimidometer," wrote former Test bowler Mike Selvey, "this man would have sent the needle off the scale."

On another occasion, Len Pascoe unsettled Richards with a snorter, and then, Richards-style, walked down and pointed to the Antiguan's skull, drawing an imaginary cross. Richards surprised, glared down the wicket. The next ball disappeared near the sight screen behind the bowler's head for six. "Sometimes it is so sweet when it hits the bat,' Richards said, "I just know I can do anything."

And he could. Mike Hendrick's full toss to him in the 1979 Prudential Cup is proof; Richards stepped *outside* the line of the off stump, casually pulled the ball over mid-wicket for six, wove between pursuing admirers and disappeared into the pavilion. Or the time Holding and he revived West Indies from 102 for 7 to 272 in a limited-overs match, Richards making 189 in the process. Or when he hit three sixes in succession and went on to plunder the highest in a World Cup game against Sri Lanka, Karachi, 1987. "The best way to get Viv Richards out," Imran Khan confessed, is only by

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boring him."

Freud would have relished getting him on the couch, for few individuals can have been so distinctly 'split'. Richards could charm you off your feet with typical Caribbean graciousness. He could, too make you feel that you had questioned his parentage when all you would be wanting would be an autograph. Somewhere behind all the cultivated bluster. Richards was as insecure as he was difficult to understand. He would grant you the interview you were looking for if he was convinced you had acknowledged his suzerainty, that you had not a flicker of a doubt that the blacks were the most talented race and that he, Isaac Viv, was the greatest batsman in the world. Once you had salaamed his ego, he could unwind enough to give you the right quotes; and paragraphs. If you didn't, he put on his arrogantly gum-chewing leer, accused you of intruding on his privacy and strutted off.

It's a pity that someone with so rare an ability could be temperamentally as fragile. When he edged Venkat behind in his second ever Test match (1974-75) he stood his ground, confused the umpire and went on to score 192. Fourteen years later in Kingston, the umpire felt that he had edged Ayub to More and nodded at the appeal. Richards didn't agree, threw a fit and his bat, pointed More out as the culprit and stomped off to the dressing room. At Delhi in 1983, he had broken a dressing room window in similar circumstances; at the Sabina Park he triggered a mini riot. Inebriated Jamaicans hurled bottles and beer cans into the ground until Richards emerged, Messiah-like, to raise his arms and ask for the peace he had himself shattered. The West indies Board tut-tutted, but I.V.A.R. got away with only mild censure.

As captain of the West Indies his inability to digest press criticism manifested in a near-assault on a British journalist in the Press box During that series against England, Richards was accused of having influenced crucial umpiring decisions in his side's favour. After the series against Australia the following year, his public denouncing of Bobby Simpson was interpreted as petulant outbursts of a frustrated man.

The batsman will go down as one of the most quick-eyed in the games history. The captain will fare poorly when compared to Worrell and Lloyd, struggling to support a crumbling edifice. The man...arrogant, intolerant and intolerable, and occasionally sunshine.

My one memory of him will never be forgotten. How he fielded at slip on the Fort St. James beach in Antigua to my batting in 1989, then bowled me two full overs and then finally batted only to be out caught and bowled, by yours proudly. Full of smiles, and 'Take care man', in the fading hours of twilight, he waded into the Caribbean Sea and silently breast-stroked away.

But that is not how one will remember this once-upon-a-time greatest batsman in the world. Sadly.





#### LOOKING BACK

#### EXT year will mark the diamond iubilee anniversary of Indian Test cricket. It will be a time when historians will recall some of the great moments in the history of Indian cricket. And on such an occasion there is little doubt that one year will stand out as the greatest in all those 60 years. And that is the "India Rubber Year" of 1971. After all, to put it down in plain fact, it is the only year that saw India's cricketers register two rubber victories in West Indies and England-and both for the first time.

And yet when the schedule was first made known in the late sixties it was thought that the Indian cricketers would be moving from one disaster to another. For, if our record in the West Indies was bad, the record in England was worse. But the great performances of the team in the West Indies had changed the atmosphere a great deal.

The hisioric victory in the Caribbeans and the discovery of a young record-breaking batsman in Sunil Gavaskar somehow made us believe that this team would acquit itself creditably in England too. Of course, it was not going to do anything startling like win the series. Defeating West Indies was one thing, England quite another. For one thing West Indian cricket was going through a slump at the time, but England were just about the best team in the world. In the

# The Great Indian Triumph

If we could travel 20 years back in time, we would once again have been thrilled by that overwhelming sense of pride that bathed us in the summer of '71. The season of two successive successes — in the West Indies and then in England... PARTAB RAMCHAND rides the time machine back to that unforgettable days of glory and rekindles the memories

preceding four years they had beaten India. Pakistan, West Indics (twice), New Zealand (twice) and had just come back from Australia having regained "The Ashes".

Still, there was something different about this India side, again led by Ajit Wadekar and one was sure that it would not meet with the same sorry fate that befell its predecessors over six previous tours. India had lost 15 of the 19 Tests played in England including eleven of the past 12.

Naturally, some changes had to be made in the composition of the souad taking into

account the different wickets and weather conditions in England as also the indifferent form shown by some players in the West Indies. So out went Jaisimha and Durrani and in came Abbas Ali Baig and B.S. Chandrasekhar. Out went Rusi Jeejebhoy and in came Syed Kirmani as the side's second stumper. And the side was strengthened by Farokh Engineer who was available to play only the three Test matches.

The Indian team put up a creditable performance in the first Test at Lord's. Only between tea and close of play on the final day did they appear in difficulty, even in some danger of losing the match. All ihrough otherwise India held the match in grip. The performance indicated that the team had a belief in their ability which their predecessors never possessed. The Indians played with the realisation that they were England's equals. It was a major psychological battle that the tourists had won.

The spin trio of Bedi. Venkat and Chandra had England tottering at 71 for five before a rearguard action by Knott, Illingworth and Snow saw England reach 304. In reply, India got 313 only the second time in 20 contests in England that they had



even taken the first innings lead. Major contributors were Wadekar (85), Vishwanath (68) and Solkar (67). England in their second innings were bowled out for 191 and India were to get 183 for a victory. A third wicket stand of 66 runs between Gavaskar (53) and Engineer (35) seemed to have put India on the road to victory but the middle order slumped against Gifford and Illingworth and India were 145 for eight when rain abruptly halted play. The draw seemed to be a fair result for neither team deserved to lose.

NDIA were, however, exceptionally lucky to come out with a draw in the second Test at Manchester. A dream spell by Abid Ali saw England reduced to 41 for four. Again it was a

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strong rearguard action by Luckhurst, Knott, Illingworth and Lever that saw England reach 386. India had to face Price and Lever on a seaming wicket and were restricted to 212 with Gavaskar (57) and Solkar (50) being the chief contributors. England with a lead of 174 then pressed home the advantage by getting 245 for three declared in the second innings. The Indians were left with the daunting task of getting 420 runs to win or, to be more precise, eight hours to bat out to draw



the game.

By close on the fourth day India were in a shaky position at 65 for three. Persistent rain, however, washed out the last day's play and England were robbed of a great opportunity to force a win.

And so astonishingly a combination of luck and skill had seen India stay on level terms on the eve of the linal Test at the Oval. And here England won round one by hammering 355 on the opening day. The second day's play was washed out and at this stage it did seem like another draw was on the cards. It was unlikely that England could bowl out India twice in three days.

India replied with 284, the innings lasting till the morning of the fourth day. Now England were in a position not dissimilar to that of Manchesier. All they needed was to get runs quickly to add to the first tnntngs lead of 71. Thts would leave India with the prospect of saving the match on the final day in the face of an imposting target of 300 plus. That was the possible script on paper. What actually happened was very different. For, in the next 2 1/2 hours England collapsed sharply for 101 runs. It was incredible and the man chiefly responsible for this sudden twist in the scenario was Chandra who turned the batting inside out with a mesmeric spell of 18.1-3-38-6.

The Indians got the opening through a lucky break. Luckhurst drove Chandra hard down the pitch and the bowler in trying to stop the ball



Bedi: part of the terrible trio

deflected it on to the stumps with Jameson out of his ground.

Chandra then shattered Edrich's stumps with a master ball. Even the experienced Surrey left-hander had no clue at all to the delivery. Chandra then dismissed Fletcher off the next delivery and all at once England were tottering at 24 for three at lunch. This performance was thoroughly in keeping with Chandra's reputation as the greatest single match winning bowler in Indian cricket. No matter what the other bowlers might follow up with, India still needed Chandra to make the breakthrough.

There was really no escape for England that memorable afternoon of Monday, August 23. While Chandra mesmerised them, Venkat kept them on a tight leash at the other end but, mention must

be made too of the catching, especially Solkar's effort at short leg to dismiss Knott off Venkat.

In fact at 72 for eight England were in danger of being bowled out for less than a three figure score. It was only a ninth-wicket stand of 24 between Hutton and Underwood that saw England scramble towards that mark.

The 173 that India required for victory should normally have been a comfortable task. The pitch was turning, but turning slowly, and there was plenty of time—about eight hours. On the other hand, the crafty Illingworth knew he held all the psychological aces for the prospect of a historic victory would be the unnerving factor.

The shrewd England captain, in fact, tried all his cards and led the side brilliantly. But he was up against an Indian side that was determined not

to let the momentous opportunity slip. By stumps India at 76 for two were just 97 runs away from victory.

On the final (Aug.24) morning Illingworth and Underwood bowled heroically. But the Indian batsmen knowing fully well that they had a great ally in time adopted the correct approach—stay at the crease and the runs will come. Run by run india inched their way forward. England had one last opportunity when India were 134 for five. "Get Engineer out quickly and England can still win" was the general feeling. But the burly, experienced wicketkeeper was not going to get out. In fact, he carried the fight into the enemy camp as tt were. So far it had been a gritty defensive grind for the Indians-150 minutes play in the morning had produced only 70 runs. Engineer counterattacked in a thrilling fashion and England had no answer to this sudden change in strategy.

Illingworth, finally, conceded the certainty of an Indian victory by bringing on Luckhurst to bowl with India needing 14 runs.

Then on the threshold of victory, 170 for five, Vishwanath, after battling it out for three hours, made his first wild stroke and was caught behind. That gave Abid Ali the opportunity of getting the winning stroke. And the 29-year-old all-rounder, who must have been praying. finally square cut Luckhurst to the boundary. And the rest is history

## TALKING SHOP Castro keeps it short

NTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE regulations forbid any political, religious, or commercial propaganda in competitions held under its auspices. Leaders from almost all countries strictly adhere to this rule when opening or inaugurating meets. The IOC, however, did not bargain on Cuba's Fidel Castro respecting their law. Wonder of wonders, he did!

Castro, well known for his flery political orations which at the most last several hours was also forced to observe the IOC dictates. Making the shortest and least political speech of his long career, Castro opened the Pan-American Games in Havana, the biggest international event ever hosted by Cuba.

"Distinguished guests, athletes and compatriots. I declare open the 11th Pan-American Games, thank you." In saying this, Castro addressed 35,000 athletes, officials and invited guests at the new Olympic Stadium.

#### TRACING THE CUP

It's showtime

OOD news! Last week we gave you the yarn about the Gulf Cup and its mysterious disappearance. Well, it looks as though the tournament is going to take place after all.

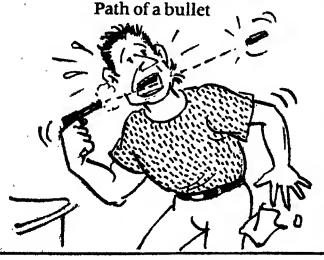
In the beginning, all fingers were pointed towards Iraq. Imagine their surprise when they found the cup in England of all places. The cup was spotted by a traffic policeman in the window of a small English trophy shop. The British Army is still trying to figure out how the cup was brought to Britain.

"I rang the Kuwait embassy and an official came by train." said traffic cop David Norris. "They confirmed it was the missing trophy and took it away." Unfortunately, the shop assistant had thrown away the trophy lid. But no matter, sport has prevailed.

ALK about luck and we can't help but give you the story of US amateur heavyweight champ John Bray. Bray had a miraculous escape when he shot himself with a 9mm handgun. The gun went off as Bray looked down the barrel while he was cleaning it. Bray was lucky.

The bullet charted a safe course by entering his mouth

## BLOWING YOUR TOP



and exiting through his cheek. Needless to say, Bray was speechless. Doctors were surprised that there was little damage from the wound. "The does told me an inch or two to the right and it would have blown my head off," he said. "It didn't even chip a tooth. I've felt much worse than. this after some of my fights." Lucky he had something to bray. about.

## CASH FLOWS In the wrong hands

F the Andhra Pradesh government think that the pre-Olympic soccer meet in Hyderabad had burnt a hole in their pockets then they should have listened to what the visiting teams had to say. While the government at least knows where its four crores have gone, many visiting teams and dignitaries are still trying to figure out who stole their cash and expensive squipment and that too from expensive hotels.

The Oman team manager was relieved of \$500, ditto for the Syrian team who were poorer \$2000 and also lost expensive camera equipment. These teams served as international targets for the thieves. To the government's embarrassment, our very own citizens weren't spared. Priya Ranjan Das Munshi, AIFF president had plenty to crib about when he was duly parted from Rs. 10,000 and that too from a live-star hotel.

# BOLLET

SPORTSWORLD: #

Has the process of making a tennis champion changed over the years?

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Yes, i think it has changed. Because today the equipment is better, the ball comes faster and they have a lot more spin on it. I think, the big change is that you have to really come forward and take the ball as it's coming up. The students also have to learn an all court game now. I don't think that you're going to find a great champion knowing just one part of the game (unlike yesteryears).

A perfect example was Andre (Agassi) at Wimbledon. If he hadn't gone to the net as many times as he did, he wouldn't have gone to the quarter final stage. So I think, what is important is that, technique shouldn't be slighted at all, and less emphasis should be placed on winning. While you grow up you must develop an all court game. I presume, this is what you're going to see in the future.

There are coaches who firmly believe that children should be trained at other ball games before they pick up a tennis racket. As the leading coach in the world what is your observation?

Well, as far as being the leading coach...lt's only that way possibly because I get a lot more publicity.

Let me tell you on August 27, we're coming out with a new common language coaching programme for the teaching of tennis. It's never been done before. It will be called System Five. It is the most exciting thing that I've ever been involved with. And in System Five, there is a part called 'Progressions'. And that shows the right approach for children starting tennis. There are over five hundred lessons. Our aim is to make the child feel happy, make him feel positive and give him the understanding...He must know what the ball does before he actually strikes the ball. He should know what a ball feels like...he has to move...he has to run...he has to bend...and then go to the racket.

From December 31, Dr. Jim Loehr would no longer be with us. I am going to be with Dr. Sinclair. And you'll find in this cassette that I've taken an entirely different approach, to the mental part of the game. I presume, this is going to be very, very exciting. I'm not a psychiatrist, but I've been involved with children all my life. To be precise, 35 years.

Though I don't have a degree, I know a little bit about it. Because I've been exposed to so many boys

and girls. My approach along with Dr Sinclairs is to prevent the problems before they even begin. Let children know before hand what happens. Let the parents know what happens. So rather than fixing the entry, let's see if we can cut out about 75 per cent of the entries before they begin.

#### Basically it's a video cassette?

Yes, two videos and three boxes. It will be done in animation form. It will be available worldwide. I think it's probably the biggest challenge in the history of world teaching. We don't ever tell a coach how to teach. All we've done is to create a common language It doesn't matter who teaches them, or what their style of teaching is. It's done through numbers and sounds and things like that which is meant for the trainees as well as coaches.

## Do you think a psychologist is a must for today's tennis players?

Everything is necessary today. When you find the competition is so keen...the physical part, the mental part, everything is important. Andre (Agassi) today, was ready to play Wimbledon because physically he felt fit. If Andre wasn't strong as he is these days, he wouldn't have made it to the last eight. So we're going to work with little children in order to make them understand how to take good care of themselves. A young boy or girl is not ready for physical conditioning till they are 14 or 15. But it doesn't mean that they should learn to stretch a little bit, and learn to warm up before they go out on the court. That's all part of our package.

## Were you taken aback by the relative success of Agassi and Courier in Wimbledon? They are both known to be baseliners...

If you recall, Jim Courier is also a very fine doubles player.

Also if you look at both Courier and Andre, you'll find that when they come to the net they win a majority of the points. But this has to be a continuous process. To ensure that, Andre will play doubles at the U.S. Open with Leconte and we're very happy about that. People from outside comment as to why Agassi doesn't come to the net more often? I'll tell you why. If I had brought Andre more to the net he would've been

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bashed up so much that he wouldn't have attempted it again. Basically, he came to me as a great baseliner. So we had to be extremely careful (not to destroy his confidence). Now, Wheaton was entirely different. We helped David because he was going to be a big boy and didn't move so well. That's why we thought serve and volley would be his ideal game.

There are people who know and confirm that you actually coached Monica Seles. But the Seles family, repeatedly turn around and say that Monica never received any sort of coaching from you. Why all this controversy?

It's only unfortunate, because in life, you come across people who don't want to give credit where credit is due. The Seles family will lead their own life as they want to. But when you have videos and publications and people like the Couriers, the Wheatons, the Andres and everybody...people who saw me spend thousands of hours on the court with her then...let the Seles' say whatever they want to say. As Chris Evert said last year, everybody knows that I had spent a lot of time and a most crucial year in the development of Monica's game. But I'm not going to

talk about Monica. She is good for tennis and Godbless her.

A lot was made by the British tabloids over the designer sunglasses which Agassi sported in one of the matches. Agassi, refuted having a million dollar contract, with the sunglass company. But said his coach, that is you, may have had one....

He's absolutely right. He has no contract. He would never lie about a contract. It's bad the way the Press took off on him. You know, if we got out here (Wimbledon) tonight at eight o'clock when the visibility is poor, those glasses would enhance the light ten times more than what it actually is. Why Andre alone? A lot of baseball players today are using the same sunglasses. So again you get to see a chang in equipment...new equipment...new ways of training...and whatever can give you an advantage. See, Andre has 20-20 vision, better than most. But late in the afternoon between six and seven o'clock against a Leconte or somebody like that, when it starts to get dark it's very difficult. Because then the big server is at advantage

But do you have a contract with the same company? Oh sure. I do.



## What does the contract say? That during Agassi's match you'll have to wear it?

Well, I think that's between me and the company. Don't you think that should be this way? I can't tell you all my secrets.

(Smiles) I wear glasses and that's the reason why my eyes are still 15-20 which is better than 20-20, at 60 years. I've always worn sunglasses. Always, since the last 30 years. If you stand out in the heat and wind, day in and day out, for six-seven hours you cause considerable damage to your eyes. Brian Gotfried had a cut out three times. I think, if a lot many people could understand the damage they are causing to their eyes without wearing sunglasses, they would've definitely worn one. That I'm getting paid for wearing sunglasses is just terrific. But had there been no contrast I would have still worn them.

## Agassi's performance was a pleasant surprise at this Wimbledon. As his coach, what were your feelings?

It is always nice to do well when you're not supposed to do well. I was delighted to hear Sue Barker say that. 'Andre Agassi is great for the development of the game. He is great for children.' This year, Andre went out against heavy odds. He behaved like a gentleman, he played like a gentleman. He won many hearts. For

brought Andre more to the not before last year, he would've been bashed up so much that he wouldn't have attempted it again

the last three-four years a section of the press have tried to dismiss him. They've said, he was fizzling out, that he was a flash in the pan and what not. Now I for one, tend to think, when you're No. 13 or No. 14 in the world, that's not too bad. Hopefully, the press will ultimately accept that Andre Agassi is no flash in the pan and that he is here to stay. I don't think we've seen the best of him as yet. When he is 23 or 24, if he is happy, if he is still enjoying the game then perhaps we will see him at his best. At the moment he is a potential superstar. He is not a superstar yet. Borg was a superstar. McEnroe was a superstar.

### As a person is Agassi down to earth? Or arrogant as he is often made out to be?

Extremely down to earth. I wish every coach could have the opportunity to be able to coach someone like him. I have worked with so many but no one, nothing could replace the sense of excitement and the feeling of charisma you get when you're working with an Agassi.



ime and time again we've been told that this column is typically chauvinistic and that we hardly ever discuss anything of importance to ladies. So here we are, this week, focussing on the ladies

(though the men could also gain some information). With women stepping out of homes more and more, they have over the years become particularly finicky about their looks, and the fashion and cosmetic industries are seeing a never-before-boom in the country.

In general, it's a safe rule to follow that if the promise of a beauty product seems too-good-to-be-true, it probably is. We all, at one time or the other, have been the victim of one hoax or the other that promise to do away

with the blemishes that the years bring on.

It's time now to realise that there are no miracle cures, no fast and easy way to do away with the years. The best way to improve your looks is to understand how the body works and why the techniques you use, may seem to improve your looks but you are,in reality, back to square one before long. So save a few rupees along the way and say bye to the frustration and examine these myths.

Lotion cures dry skin. There is no cure for dry skin. Lotions are only a superficial treatment for the dry skin, either coating the skin with a waxy or oily substance that traps moisture or contains ingredients like glycerine which attract water molecules from the air to make the skin feel moist. Watch out for words like 'deep pore nourisher' on the pack. Actually the molecules of the lotion are just too big to penetrate the skin and add moisture to it. This is precisely the reason why water beads fall off your skin when in the shower. The body is designed to protect itself from the outside. And you can't really add water to the skin by drinking more water. All you can do is treat your skin carefully

and regularly. Apply

FEEL LOOK lotion or oil immediately after a bath. (Even though most water drips off you, the skin does absorb a little amount of water). Using a lotion right after a bath or shower helps retain moisture and prevent dehydration.

Faciai masks deep clean the skin. Myth. You put on a face mask, keep it on for some time and then literally expect to find fresh new skin. Masks really do precious little by way of opening and cleaning the skin. The pores on the face are too small for the mask to get inside and clean the pores of the oil and dirt. Masks only clean the surface grime like any other soap. Actually it's

just a psychological boost, it makes you feel good. And as you wash off the muddy, dried off cream and some tenners you cannot but help feel good.

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steamroom or a sauna opens and washes out the pores. Myth. If you are one of those who spent a decent fortune to become a member of a health club because they have sauna facilities we are going to disappoint you cos the sauna or steamroom does not open and clean the pores of your body. When you sweat, the skin swells and when this happens it closes in on the pores sending the dirt and grime deeper into the

pore. And this grime appears later as a blackhead or pimple. So don't get fooled by the sauna concept. You feel better after a sauna because it relaxes the body to a great extent, but as far as cleaning goes there is little that has happened since you went inside.

Yellow teeth are a sign of poor claening. Myth. You might be one of the genetically encoded people who have yellowish coloured teeth. If the colour is not caused by cigarettes, tea or coffee (it's difficult to be sure) then it is something you are probably born with. Tooth colour comes from the underlying dentin

and this substance is itke the colour of your hair and eyes. If your teeth are discoloured because of staining then the harsher toothpastes can do the trick, but if not, then the genes are to be blamed.

All shampoos and conditioners make the hair heeithier and stronger. Myth. Almost all the shampoos in the market boast of adding bounce and shine to the hair. The health of the hair can be improved only from inside out and not the other way around. Hair growth is related to nutritional intake and if the nutrition is suffering then the hair is also bound to suffer.

Shampoos and conditioners only put a protective coating on the hair, they don't influence growth.

If your hair is fragile and lacks body then conditioners will improve its appearence and manageability. But if your hair is dry, brittle and thin, then changes in the diet can help more. Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, to improve the lustre of your hair.

Remember that the appearence always reflects the inner self. So to look good you've basically got to feel good about yourself.



# GOOD...AND GOOD

### QUESTIONS

Who is the youngest football player to represent his country in the World Cup final round?

Whom did 4. Tyson beat to become world champion for the first time?

3. Which contemporary footballer is referred to as the 'Last Viking'?

Whose 4. autobiography is titled the 'Basingstoke Boy'?

Who was • known as the 'Modern Indian Ranji'?

Who is the O. only player to have played five football World Cups?

Whois nicknamed as the 'Coloured Falcao'?

8. Who said: 1 football just as Beethoven was born to music."

Who captained Mohun Bagan in 1911 when it became the first Indian team to win the IFA Shield?

Who said 10. this and where: "Good, now I want to start living."

I was born • in 1936. I came back from serious injury to captain my country in 1966 and the 1970 World Cups. I still hold the joint record of appearing in most World Cup matches. Who am 1?

Which Z. cricketers have played both for India and Pakistan?

13. Who dedicated his victory in an Olympic event to **Fidel Castro?** 

Which • Indian has the most Olympic appearances to his credit?

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15. in unc held Monte Carlo open, Bjorn Borg was defeated by an unknown Spaniard. Who was he?

### **ANSWERS**

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  3. Tomas Brokin, Sweden
  4. John Arlott
  5. Mushkaq Ali
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  7. Ruud Guillt
  8. Pele
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  12. A.H. Karder, Amir Elahi and Gul Mohammad
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  14. Dr. Rendhir Singh Kamil, shooting
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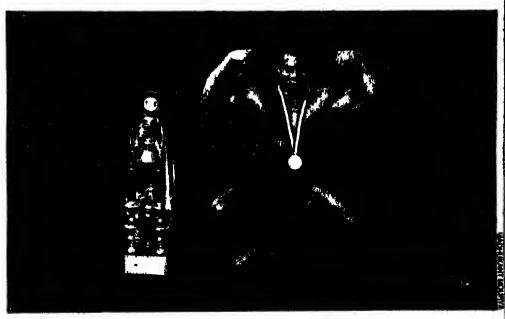
How many Indians know about the existence of a Mr. Universe in their midst? This muscleman has beaten the odds to build a physique that is world class Can he now go for the greatest bodybuilding laurel of them all: Mr. Olympia?

## MUSCLE

PREM CHAND DEGRA

HE land of the five rivers has a legacy of producing the strongmen of the sub-continent. Renowned wrestlers. Rustam-e-zaman Gama. Imam Bux, Kikkar Singh, Kartar Singh and Dara Singh all hailed from this region. Continuing this legacy is an unassuming, balding bodybuilder Prem Chand Degra. As he participates in a sport which gets limited media hype, few know that in 1988, at Brisbane, Prem Chand won the coveted Mr. Universe title in the light heavyweight category. So India, which craves for success in sports, has a relatively unknown world champion among its millions; one who often struggled to get enough to eat.

The muscular marvel Prem Chand is not really part of the poverty stricken masses of India. Yet his excessive diet has often caused his family financial problems. On current prices it costs Prem Chand's family Rs. 7,000 to feed him.



Elaborating on his diet and its rationale, the soft-spoken Prem Chand said, "During days of intensive practice, I have two chickens, 12 to 15 eggs and a kilo of vegetables and fruit salad as my daily diet. I train hard often for six to eight hours daily and so need this nutritive and

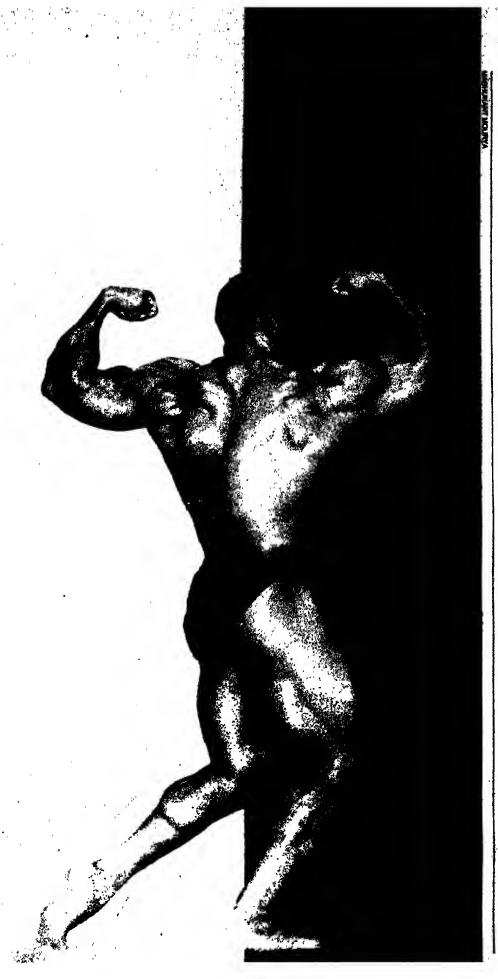
heavy diet."

In the early stages of his career, Prem Chand struggled to get enough money to pay for his rich and expensive diet. Vitamins, oil, sugar and salt is normal for him during the off season. However, during days of competition he only partakes boiled food in

an effort to reduce body fat to the minimum. Now, though after he achieved success, Tatas (his former employer) and now his present employers JCT assist in his diet.

Like many Indian sportsmen. Prem Chand was discovered more by accident than design. Born at Gurdaspur (now a terrorist-infected district) in Punjab in 1955, Prem Chand grew up in a family which respected physical culture and the body beautiful. Regular workouts in the local open-air gymnasium was part of his daily routine since childhood. He also did numerous push-ups, sit-ups, dand batthaks and all other strengthening exercises. Like many rural youth

"During days of intensive practice, I have two chickens, 12 to 15 eggs and a kilo of vegetables and fruit salad as my daily diet"...Prem Chand



from Punjab, Premalso took to wrestling, enamoured by the exploits and legends of Gama Pehalwan and Dara Singh. His wrestling exploits even getting him a job with the Punjab Police in 1975. For five years he was an average wrestler, won some bouts and lost some. Nothing worthy of really setting the Sutlej or the Beas on fire.

In 1980, fate, accident or good fortune-call it what you will—smiled on Prem Chand. After a wrestling bout, he went to watch the Northern India Bodybuilding Competition. Normally shy, reticent and reserved, some crazy impulse made Prem Chand become a temporary extrovert, climb onto the stage and pose those rippling muscles. The judges and the largely rustic crowd ogled and let loose a rapturous array of "wah wahs".

Putting his success down to his exercise routine, he said, "During the off season I train for three to four hours daily which is extended to six-seven hours preceding a competition." Motivated by the acclaim, the committed Prem soon got recognition and fame when he won the Mr India title which has since become his exclusive preserve.

It was a victory that got him a job with Tata Steel in Jamshedpur. Getting vital foreign exposure, courtesy his employers, he was sent to the Asian Championships and won the title in his first attempt. For the next five years he won this title, leaving rivals from Japan, Korea, Malaysia

and Singapore gasping in admiration. In 1990 the competition was thrown open to professionals. It made not an iota of difference to Prem. He became the first Indian to win the Asian bodybuilding championship. And On 28 July this year, Prem repeated the feat at Singapore, annexing the Asian ABC Pro-Am Classic Bodybuilding Championship.

The coveted world title in the light-heavyweight category came after an uphill struggle, in his fifth attempt. Explaining his experiences, Prem said, "I got a silver medal in 1986 at Tokyo, came fourth in 1984 and 1987 and eventually won the category in 1988 "Like Gavaskar, the muscular marvel also believes that western nations gang up against third world countries He says, "I



"I would have been crowned world champion much earlier if there had been an Asian judge." Degra has impressive physical details: neck (17 in.), biceps (19 in.), chest (48 in.), thigh (26 in.), waist (30 in.) and forearms (15 in.). Even his calves are an impressive 17.5 inches!

would have been crowned world champion much earlier if there had been an Asian judge "But he doesn't use that as an excuse for finishing a poor 16th in the Mr. Olympia contest at Italy in 1989.

Now earnestly preparing for the Mr. Olympia contest in September this year. Prem trains at an air-conditioned gymnasium his current employers Jagatjit Cotton and Textile (JCT) Mills have built at Chauhal, Hoshiarpur for him. Experts claim it is the best equipped and most modern gym in the country. JCT, so far known for their football team, are now getting wide publicity as employers of the muscular marvel.Prem

Just five feet six inches tall, the pocket-size
Hercules has impressive

physical details: neck (17 in.), biceps (19 in.), chest (48 in.), thighs (26 in.), waist (30 in.) and forearms (15 in.). Even his calves are an impressive 17,5 inches.

While his physical statistics are very lofty. his ambitions are high: to do well in the Mr. Olympia contest. The large hearted Prem Chand has also requested the Delhi **Development Authority** (DDA) for a piece of land to build a modern gym where he can train and impart training to others. The only sportsperson to get the highest category in the special awards scheme instituted by the Govt of India in 1986 earlier this year, he got Rs. 5 lakhs, the amount allotted to an Olympic or World Championship gold medallist, his 1988 Brisbane triumph being rated in this category.

This largesse from the Centre has, however, aroused controversy as many argue that bodybuilding is not really a sport and is certainly not an Olympic sport, and the special awards are only for Olympic disciplines, chess and billiards/snooker

A self-made man. Prem prefers to keep away from such controversy. He has no coach and struggles through coaching manuals to work out a training schedule which enables him to sparkle in international bodybuilding. Yet legends about his strength continue to grow as the nation looks forward to more international laurels from him.

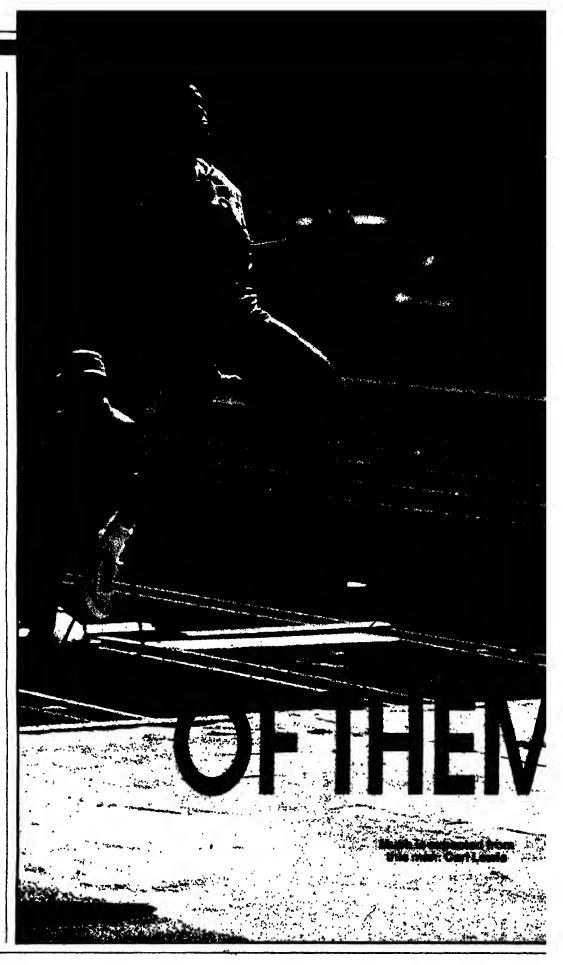
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### **PREVIEW**

HE time for reckoning is here. The form sheets are ready and the favourites known. The underdogs, too, have been spotted. With time ticking away for the third World Championships of Athletics, the reigning champions, potential champions and veterans are all getting ready for the biggest athletics show: one which comes after every four years.

A whole lot of new superstars are expected to take over from the older generation. The scenario has changed with the merger of the two Germanys, and it looks likely to be queered further with the possible return of South Africa. The Americans abounding in talent will, however, be there in full strength to retain their position as the premier athletics nation, even as the Soviet Union grapples with its own internal political problems. The likes of Sergei Bubka will, however, disagree with the suggestion that their athletics prowess has been affected by other troubles.

A new set of would-be champions, threatening the scene in the few years, will be on trial when the world meets again in Tokyo later this month. When the World Championships of athletics were instituted and staged for the first time in Helsinki in 1983, athletes like Carl Lewis, Steve Cram and Sergel Bubka were emerging on the scene, while Edwin Moses, Calvin Smith and Mary Decker were almost at their peak.





WORLD TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS, TOKYO

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL...

## WHO'S

Will the united German team prove all conquering? Or will the Americans retain their stranglehold? The world wants with bated breath

FASTEST

Four years later, at Rome, most of these new champions, consolidated their positions. The last week of August should in all probability see the emergence of the champions of the nineties, even though the men and women of the eighties are intent on buying more time for themselves.

Perhaps the biggest change that the world is waiting to see is how the combined German team will perform. Till last year, the East German women were almost incomparable, while their men too were no slouches in the international athletics arena. In their last meeting as a separate

nation, the East Germans swept the women's section at the European Championships in Split. Even now the indications are that the Germans will be depending a lot on the athletes raised on the communist side of the now-broken down Wall. Katrin Krabbe, Grit Breur and Sigrun Wodar, all products of a programme which picked them out while they were still children, will all be there in full strength. And giving them company will be the women who have dominated the throws section.

On the men's side. even as the world awaited the showdown between Ben Johnson and Carl Lewis for the first time since that afternoon at Seoul, the Canadian trials have precluded the clash as Johnson was not selected for the 100m after finishing fourth. Johnson will now figure only in the relay. But the truth is that even if Johnson had been around, he may not have stood much of a chance of getting near the medals. Lewis' mate,

Will Katrin Krabbe overcome the unification problems to win at Tokyo?





from the Santa Monica Track Club, Leroy Burrell, who has usurped the world record over 100m shall have his first go at a major title and considering the kind of blistering form he has been in, his winning shouldn't be surprising at all. The Americans have also got the services of Carl Lewis, who despite advancing years is showing no signs of slowing down, having clocked 9.92 seconds in the same race in which Burrell cracked the world mark.

The American juggernaut could well be threatened by another Canadian in the sprints. Bruny Surin, who for long, lived in the shadow of Ben Johnson, has been in great form and recently clocked 10.02 seconds at the Canadian trials.



### Can Paul Ereng add the world title to his Olympic 800m victory

The men's 200m should see another new face, though his form in the last two seasons has aiready marked him out as the future king over 200m-400m segments: Michael Johnson. With Lewis not there, and Calvin Smith—the winner in 1983 and 1987—not making the team, Johnson will be fighting it out with Leroy Burrell. The 400m which till a year ago would have been considered the exclusive preserve of Butch Reynolds, who shattered a 21-year-old record in 1989, is suddenly open with Butch being banned for testing positive for

Sergei Bubka: This man sets his own standards steroids. Johnson has however decided to stick to merely the 200m.

The Africans, who dominated the middle and long distance events at Rome in 1987 and the Seoul Olympics in 1988, should be doing it all over again at Tokyo. The Kenyans especially have been at their very best on the European circuit, and their recent national. championhips in Nairobi showed that they have a big huge reservoir of talent, all capable of overthrowing the existing champions. Paul Ereng shrugged off a strong challenge from world champion Billy Konchellah to win the 800m at the Kenvan national athletics championships and became the only Olympic champion to win his race. He clocked an impressive one minute 45.2 seconds, and he was followed by Konchellah in 1:45.8 and Robert Kibet 1:46.2. Olympic 1.500m champion Peter Rono had to be content with third place behind David Kibet, who was timed at 3:37.6 and William Kimei, another newcomer on the scene. second in 3:37.7.

Another one of Kenya's Olympic champions. 3,000 metres steeplechase gold medallist Julius Kariuki. was beaten into fourth when he clocked 8:35.2. behind Moses Kiptanui's 8:24.9, Patrick Sang and John Kipkoech. But the Kenvan officials have decided to include Kariuki in the team to Tokyo instead of Kipkoech, banking on Kariuki's experience and ability to hit it big at major meets.

Britain, the dominant

nation on Europe's track scene, will find it hard to extend it to the world level. Their famed middle distance stable seems to be in trouble, with only Peter Elliott showing the kind of form that is needed to win gold medals. Steve Cram, the man who made it big at the 1983 world championships, has been given a spot in the 1.500 metres on the strength of his experience, despite not really being able to match his younger rivals in Britain. Cram has run

just two or three 1,500m this year, yet he has the ability to pull it off when needed.

While the big nations will as usual hog the headlines, smaller countries too, may be expected to have their moments. Frankie Fredricks of Namibia in the 100m, (with a best 10.12 seconds), Fabian Muyaba of Zimbabwe (best of 10.15) and Olapan Adenikan of Nigeria (best of 10.15)

Meriene Ottey's form into this championships has been awesome

could upset a few applecarts. In the 400m hurdles, Samuel Matete of Zambia has the third fastest time of the year at 48.07 seconds. Danny Harris and Kevin Young of the United States may find him a tough customer to handle.

In the field events, the most eagerly awaited contest should be the javelin, which apart from the personalities has also been seeing a lot of controversies in the matter of the implement itself. Seppo Raty, the Finn who won the gold medal at Rome four years ago, holds the current world record at 96.96m, improving his own year-old mark by almost five metres.

Briton Steve Backley. and Czech, Jan Zelezny, too will be in the reckoning having hurled the missile to distances of over 90 metres. Giving them all a few sleepless nights should be the ex-American Tom Petranoff, who after being banned for going to South Africa, could be there wearing the South African colours at Tokyo, if the authorities decide to allow them to get back so soon.

While the attention will be focussed on the movement of the East German women, who are now competing under a common flag, the performance of veteran Merlene Ottey, who has always been in the second and third positions at most major meets, will be watched closely. Ottev is currently ranked number one in both the 100m and the 200m. At 31, she is going to be more than difficult to handle for the good-looking Katrin



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Krabbe, who has just gotten into form after being beset with problems of various kinds since the merger of the Germanys.

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Another Cuban waiting to prove his

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### Will Steve Cram's experience land him a gold in the 1500m?

credentials at the world championships is high jumper Javier Sotomayor, the first man to scale over eight feet. Along with the colourful Swede Patrik Sjoeberg, he should make the high jump one of the more attractive field events.

Despite everything, the big question is whether Lewis will be able to maintain his ascendancy in the long jump, in which he has been unbeaten for nine years. Especially since Lewis, who recently failed in an attempt to break Bob Beamon's world record of 8.90m. has indicated that this might well be his last season in the long jump. SPORTS MANAGEMENT GROUP



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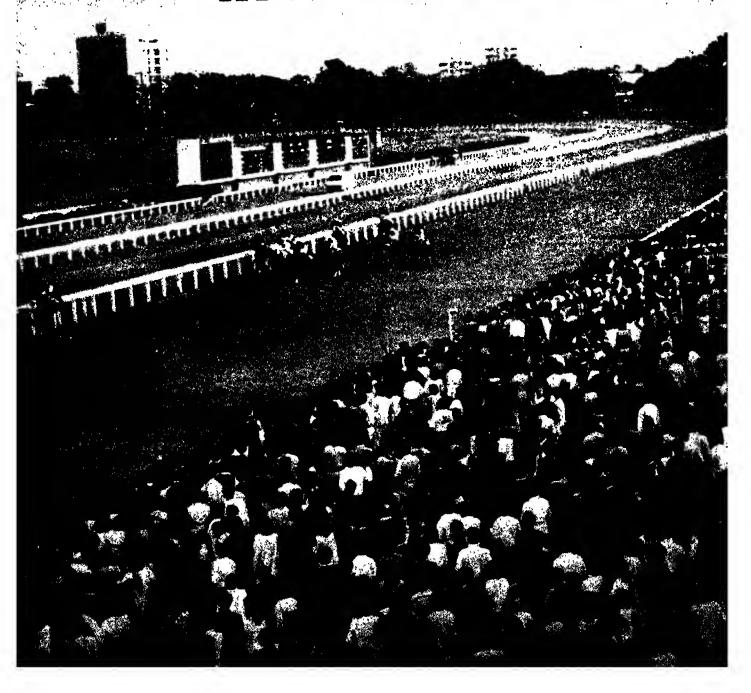
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## GIFTHORSE

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Was Dr Manmohan Singh misinformed when he announced a 40 per cent tax on all race winnings which has put the very existence of the sport in jeopardy?

HEN Dr Manmohan Singh, the Finance Minister announced the budget, a majority of people seemed to heave a sigh of relief On the face of it. it appeared to be a far 'better' budget than what most had envisaged At that juncture, the clause that had been introduced for Horse Racing was not given much importance But after the dust had settled and the racing fraternity went into the nitty gritty of the matter, what they uncovered proved to be the unkindest cut of all.

Dr Manmohan Singh had proposed that a 40 per cent tax on all race winnings be levied and there should be no exemption on this issue. Previously a punter was allowed up to Rs 5,000 before the tax man came into the picture but now there was no minimum limit

Horse racing is such a technical and specialised sport, that it is difficult to comprehend at the best of times The intricacies would fox many a knowledgeable self-styled expert and one wonders whether Dr Manmohan Singh has really been made to understand the repercussions of what this new proposal will mean.

Picture the scene. It is New Year's Day in Calcutta Over 15,000 people have congregated on the picturesque Calcutta race course to celebrate the first day of the year by having a flutter on the nags More than the gambling aspect, it has become one of the essential events of the year and if you have not been seen

(Inset) Dr Manmohan Singh, Minister of Finance, seems to be misinformed. His decision to tax 40 per cent of a person's winnings, will result in the punter becoming an extinct breed





at the Calcutta race course on New Year's Day then you are not considered to be very high on the socialite

front.

With novices present, the most important item on the agenda is to cash a winning ticket. The easiest way to do that is to put your 10 chips on the hottest favourite of the day. Let us assume that the favourite in question is a horse like the legendary Brave Dancer. Rarely did he ever let his followers down, but the odds on him used to so restricted that if you put Rs. 10 on him to win, your profit would amount to Rs. 1. But it is not the amount that is important, it is the thrill of knowing that you backed the winner. Now with the new budget, before you can lay your hands on the princely sum of Re. 1, the Finance

On the other side of the fence small time illegal bookies are better off since they don't have to deduct tax at source

Minister gets into the act. Forty per cent of your winnings go straight to the tax man. In other words, all you are left with is 60 paise for having shouted yourself silly, checring in your

champion.

If you think that is not worth the effort then just imagine what will happen when you go to cash your ticket. 10,000 others will also have followed your example. Since the 40 per cent deduction has to be made at source, it is assumed that the Royal Calcutta Turf Club or the turf clubs in question would have to issue a Tax Deduction Certificate at source.

Hence over 10,000 such certificates would be handed out in this

case, and after that you can proceed to receive 60 paise. If things really went smoothly, you would be lucky to leave the race course in time to have New Year's Day dinner at a five star hotel which would probably be the only place that would serve you food at that late hour in the day. And you thought it was fun to go to the races!

In addition to the practical angle, there are quite a few other aspects which have unfortunately not been explained to Dr Manmohan Singh. For instance, there may be seven to eight races run in one day. Being a compulsive gambler, you may have had a bet in each of those seven to eight races and your

ticket on Brave Dancer would probably have been your only winning one. You might have well lost your money in the other seven races. There is no clause in the proposal which gives you any benefit for that. In other words. if you lose it is your money and if you win you lose your money 100!

Trying to find a solution to the above example would be yet another exercise in futility. You would have more people visiting a race course collecting losing tickets to avoid paying tax on winning ones. For all you know, some of them might even go into the printing business to provide themselves with some sort of a loophole to set off their winnings against their losses.

Further, the race clubs which survive totally on



from punting, would find themselves gradually going out of business and closing down. After all, why would any man in his normal senses place his bet through legal channels when he knows that 40 per cent of the amount he might win will never come to him. He would do the obvious thing and opt for the illegal path. Back your money with an illegal source. At least you don't have to wait in line for a Tax Deduction Certificate and neither do you have to part with your winnings.

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In the bargain, the volume of betting with the race clubs would diminish to such an extent that they probably would not even be able to cope with their overheads. The result: racing would close down.

You can jump for joy when your winner comes in but, you would have to wait for hours to collect your depleted winnings

Racing today in India has grown by leaps and bounds. It is not a sport anymore, ii has graduated into a full-fledged industry which provides employment to thousands all over the country. At a conservative estimate. I would say that there are close to 100,000 people who either directly or indirectly make a living in one way or another through racing. If racing were to close down, and let us face it, it probably would with this new proposal, you will have to provide employment and a means of sustenance for those 100,000. But then with unemployment today at

such a high level as it is, what is another 100,000 on the band wagon.

Revenue from the turf clubs and from racing is something that the State Government have come to rely on. Take it away and the deficit that almost every State Government displays when announcing their yearly budgets will probably become larger than the Black Hole of Calcutta.

Hence, for the turf clubs, trying to get the Finance Minister to withdraw his proposal is one thing. But in addition, surely the StateGovernments under whose auspices racing is held in the States of West Bengal,

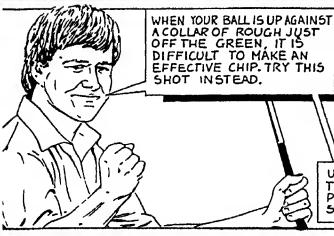
Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, would be just as keen to get into the act. Unless of course, they suddenly want to find themselves left high and dry after having enjoyed fabulous benefits for so many years.

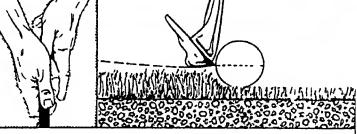
In conclusion one can only feel that in introducing this proposal. Dr Manmohan Singh was ill advised on the issue by someone who did not have the faintest inkling of the storm he was brewing up. I am sure that if the matter is explained to Dr Manmohan Singh, he will be the first to realise and accept that the entire proposal is to a very great extent ludicrous. And if he were to still implement it, it would be sounding the death knell of Indian racing.

### THE FALDO FORMULA

FROM TEE TO GREEN

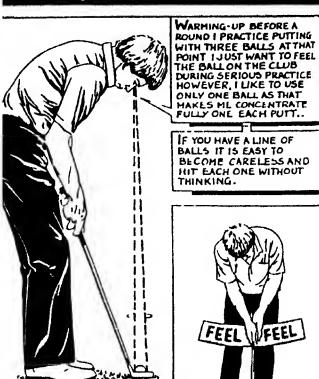
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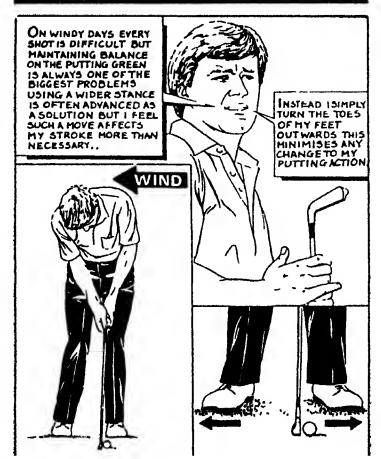


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### Putting in the Wind





The victorious team with the Azian Shah Trophy

### Morale Booster

NDIA has recaptured some of its old glory by carving out emphalic wins to emerge champions in the recently concluded Sultan Azlan Shah hockey tournament. It was a marvellous performance and India maintained a clean slate to achieve the distinction of being the only unbeaten team in the tournament. It was definitely a morale booster for Indian hockey.

If they can keep up the same tempo, then we do stand a good chance of getting back to the pinnacle of hockey.

WAZI NASEEM.

Qatar.

IT was a fine performance by India in the Azlan Shah Cup in Ipoh. But we Indians have this habit of sitting back and resting on our past glory. As a result we have, time and again, tumbled down from the pinnacle of success.

This performance was a creditable one, but then we should not forget that there were a lot of top teams missing like Holland,

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Britain and Australia. If India wants to win against them, then we should give it all we've got, by maintaining the same winning combination and relegating politics to the back seat.

DEBASHISH MAJUMDAR, Calcutta.

WHAT a superb win India came out with in Ipoh. Full praise should also go to the coach Balkishen Singh who knit together a team that could take on the opposition. Before this tournament the morale of hockey players was very low but now it's back on top. Congratulations to Pargat and Co. Keep up the good job.

S.HUSSAIN,
Dibrugarh.

### Victorious knights?

In about five months we have to meet the rest of the cricketing world in the World Cup and from

there on it's going to be a tiring schedule. Our batting line up is impressive but the bowling needs to be infused with some new blood. If Sachin and Manjrekar can find their old form we stand a good chance of doing well during the tournament. Here's hoping that we Indians get to see some more victories in India's favour. Best wishes to Azhar and his men. SUMA VERMA. New Delhi.

### **Fabulous**

THE interview that Gautam
Bhattacharya did with Peter
Graf during Wimbledon was good.
One could not help but feel sorry
for the German tennis stars and as
Peter Graf stated, the German
Press was always against him and
Steffi. This interview threw a lot of
light on the pressures that are put
on the players and their parents by
the press. The hostility of the press
has also resulted in a marked
decline in the performance of these
players.
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Thanks once again. Keep up the good job. SUBRAT SAMAL. Burla.

### **Champion Material**

THE interview with Arantxa Sanchez was very interesting and once again Gautani Bhattacharya has done a wonderful job. Sanchez is now the player to watch out for and in the next couple of years she is sure to make the top rungs of the game.

In the same issue one read about the effect of drugs and how it ruined the career of another great sportsman, Lyle Alzado. The new generation of sportsmen could learn a lot from these examples. ARSHAD.

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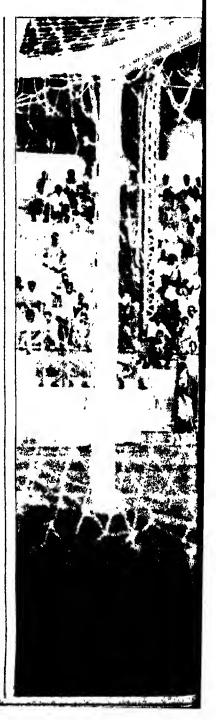
redictably that scapegoat is going to be Josef Gelei, who was supposed to find the panacea for all ills in Indian soccer. The man, who, in spite of his sincere efforts, failed in his mission.

The task he had—to 'revive' soccer in India—was certainly difficult. But he tried hard despite certain 'obstacles'. The only problem was that the boys he handled weren't the best to represent the country. Many in football circles claim that he was misguided. He too had realised that his assignment wasn't going to be smooth.

Josef Gelei came to India with the same professional attitude as most other coaches in Europe. But his first experience was the Nehru Gold Cup at Thirnvananthapuram early this year. Where India, apart from the only redeeming feature of defeating a junior national Zambian side. displayed their familiar sorryplight in the international arena-defeat after defeat, like the previous years.

Gelei thought that his days were numbered after the Nehru Gold Cup—he still had about three months left for his contract with the federation. A renewal of the contract seemed doubtful, as he knew if

The Lebanon citadel under attack by Oman



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any coach failed in his mission in Europe or in any other country, he would have got the sack.

But not here in India. And the AIFF, with the usual nonchalant attitude, retained Gelei. Now a bigger challenge lay ahead for the technical director. But the Nehru Cup debacle did bog him down to a certain extent, though he didn't show it,

The biggest challenge Gelei faced now was to see that India qualified in the under-23 pre-Olympics at Hyderabad. Which was, perhaps, the weakest Asian Group. Unfortunately, he made a mess of things. He was too lenient, he couldn't bring out the best in the players—and his regular experiments with the team was undoubtedly a huge blunder.

But then why blame Gelei alone for all the ills? He wanted the team to get some international exposure, but nothing worked out properly. This national side wasn't

the best. There were far better players who were ignored.

The national side played against Nepal and barely managed to win one match and draw the other and prior to the pre-Olympics, Gelei's team played an IFA XI and struggled to win by a solitary last minute goal. His team also lost to a Hyderabad XI (during the match Gelei made nine changes). So one can understand what was expected of India in the prestigious tournament at the 400 year-old city of

Hyderabad.

While all the four nations which came here had international exposure, India's balance sheet was pathetically poor. And when India drew with Oman It looked as though she actually won the tournament—the players as well as the federation officials went wild with joy. It looked ludicrous.

Jhantu Dey (15) in a midfield action in India's opening tie against Oman

The euphoria, however, proved shortlived.

Lebanon, which was considered the weakest in the group, gave India a debilitating blow. It was in this match that Gelei's calculations went wrong. He played the 4-2-4 formation, which nowadays is considered

### Final standings

Kuwait Syria Oman Lebanor india



The jubilant Kuwaitis in the dressing room after beating Lebanon. This enabled them to lead the league table over Syria

obsolete. Even the Calcutta teams don't play this system.

Gelet's 'vintage' formula saw the Indian midfeld suffer considerably. There was no blocking in the vital defence. What Gelet actually sought to achieve was never clear in his strategy.

Gelet's positioning of players also came in for a lot of criticism. Take





Aloke Das. for example. He is a regular sweeper, but Gelei played Jacinto D'Silva in that spot, and when things proved too tough for him he asked Aloke to take over.

The other major blunder Gelei made was playing Murshed Ali as a left back when he was expected to score goals. Ali, as we all know, has been getting goals for Mohammedan Sporting in the Calcutta league. Moreover, the ladian attack definitely lacked sharpness. Poor finishing left a lot to be desired. What was the point then of going through six months of training together? Why this tamasha at all?

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than Khan in India, who could have done a better job? Mohammad Habib had assisted Gelei during the Thiruvananthapuram Nehru Cup. It seemed Habib did not get along we ll with Gelei.

The biggest problem with Gelei is he never listens to good advice. Prior to the preparations of the pre-Olympics. Habib had suggested Gelei that the team should have more Bengal players as they are more accustomed to

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wet ground conditions. The suggestions were ignored.

INDIA put up their best performance against Syria, who had enough international exposure and had fared well in the World Youth Soccer at Lisbon. Gelei was happy because Syria obtained the match-winner eight minutes before the end. But, in this match, he made six changes which, perhaps, had become a normal practice for him.

Well, Gelei had a . Herculean task to get the best potential from such a vast country. But then what has he been doing for the last one and a half years?

"There are many good players, but I wouldn't like to disclose their names. It would be quite embarrassing for me." Indian captain Bruno Cotinho said when he was questioned whether this was the best team (after India's defeat against Lebanon).

So what did Gelei actually do for the improvement of Indian soccer? Can he claim to have chosen the 70-80 players himself? The truth is the entire business of selection was so disorganised that even some small-time journalists' suggestions had been accepted and followed up seriously.

Of course, Gelei himself faced a lot of problems, so inherent in the chaotic soccer infrastructure of this country. For instance,



the federation did
not bother to listen to his
suggestions. While he
wanted his players for an
uninterrupted
six-month-long
coaching camp, the
federation could not
arrange what he asked
for, simply because the
big clubs wanted some of
their players to be
released for either the

India and Syria teams
photographed before the
match which the hosts
lost via a Assaf Khalifeh
goal





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Md. Yousuf looking down and out after conceding the only goal against Syria. India, however, did put up a fine show

league, or the Santosh Trophy or the Federation Cup. With the frequent disruptions, Gelei thought, his plans could not be implemented hundred per cent. And, honestly, this is one area where the Hungarian coach cannot be blamed, at all.

Gelei's contract expires in 1992. But will he remain till the under-21 Rajiv Gandhi tournament is staged in Calcutta? Since he's always been emphasising the importance of coaching junior players Gelei may have already got the hint that he will be retained for coaching a young side. Rumour, however, has it that a non-resident Indian is ready to bear the expenses for importing a new foreign coach.

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### an Olympics of Terror

HE Olympic movement has managed, by rigorous and at times oppressive security, to avoid a repeat of the terrorism that led to the murder of Israeli athletes in 1972 at Munich. There was grave concern over the possibility of North Korean terrorist attacks at the Seoul Games in '88, but the event passed peacefully.

But once again this global problem has reared its ugly head. The president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Juan Antonio Samaranch has expressed his concern over terrorism at the Barcelona Games next year. Addressing the 28th general assembly of the Pan-American sports organisation, Samaranch said, in

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veiled anxiety, that 1992 "will not be easy".

Alarmed by the recent terrorist bombing in Bilbao, he emphasised that safety was "one of the great many problems facing the Barcelona organising committee." Samaranch said that the problem would be magnified by the expected entry of more than 160 countries for the Barcelona Olympics.

### **WILL IT BE A GOLD?**

Por the first time in Olympic history professional basketballers are allowed to participate in the Barcelona Olympics. In most Eastern-bloc countries where pros have been playing in the Olympics for years, the ruling won't mean much, but for the Americans it is a different story.

Instead of having to rely on college players—who got only a bronze medal in '88—the Americans can now shop for National Basketball Association superstars.

So when Sports
Illustrated put the
Olympic dream
basketball team on

Beauty and eprint queen, Lydia de Vega is back its cover—featuring Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Patrick Ewing, Karl Malone, Charles Barkley, and others—winning a gold medal at Barcelona seemed a delicious prospect.

But this dream was recently shattered when Michael Jordan, who had won a gold in '84, while at the University of North Carolina, said he won't be on the team. The reason cited by him between rounds of an amateur golf tournament were, "I don't mind giving the other guys an opportunity."

While this has
disappointed most
basketball fans, they
have been assured in
Magic Johnson, "I'll
be playing in the
Olympics as long as I
don't get cut!"

So gold it might be, with or without Michael Jordan.

### **ANOTHER COMEBACK**

WHILE P.T. Usha has packed up her bags and said farewell to athletics, her arch rival Lydia de Vega is back. Yes, another comeback story.

There is a surprising similarity in the stories of both these leading athletes from Asia.

Both of them retired. Got married, Lydia de Vega three years ago and P.T. Usha a few months ago. The only difference is that de Vega has a two-year-old daughter, Stephanie.

Sick and tired of domestic work,de Vega wants to regain her blazing form for the Manila South East Asian



Games in November this year. "Now my days begin and end with running. I have to work harder than before", she said.

She has already clocked 11.5 sec in the 100 m. The Asian mark of 11.22 sec set 21 years ago by Chi Cheng of Taiwan seems beatable. She is confident of achieving this feat, "I should run like a perfect machine. Once my form and stride turn out okay, my timings will also be okay."

Training under Soviet coach, Yuri Popov she only has one problem: her weight. Although she has worked off a lot, she still has a long way to go.



O.M. Nambiar wants an answer to his prayers

Commenting on her comeback, de Vega said, "I can't just hang up my spikes and look at them forever. I had to come back for my last chance."

### **HOPING FOR A MIRACLE**

What happened to O.M. Nambiar after P.T. Usha quit athletics? He faded out with the 'Golden Girl' and spent his days praying. Well, pray he did, because he is back—maybe by the grace of God and the long hours he spent praying for a miracle—making tall

claims.

He has taken under his wings a tall, 18-year-old girl Beena Augustine, from Cannonore who according to him is going to be a winner in four or five years. The bad news is that nobody has heard of this girl and neither is she too hot in sprinting.

### **DON'T BLOW YOUR FUSE!**

USTRALIAN
tearaway squash
player, Tristan
Narcarrow, is in trouble
once again. Much as we
hate to sound like a
stuck record, Narcarrow
has been banned for six
months with effect from
September 8 and fined
£500 for his outburst
during the World Open.

The International
Squash Players'
Association (ISPA),
headed by fellow
Australian Chris
Dittmar, decided that he
had breached the code of
conduct three times
during his second round
match against Anthony
Hill.

He has been charged with racket abuse, verbal abuse and aggrevated behaviour on court; the second time his violent temper has got the better of him. His earlier altercation resulted in a three-month ban in '89 after the British and Monaco Open.

But this has not affected his behaviour and in his match against Jahangir Khan (which he lost) in the Australian Open at Melbourne he frequently questioned the referee John Morline's decision.



### CALCUTTA

### Telegraph Schools' Chess

THE fourth edition of The Telegraph Schools' Chess, organised by Alekhine Chess Club, was conducted at Gorky Sadan recently. This year, the meet, which is normally held during the summer vacations, had to be postponed because of the elections.

That must have affected participation as outstation players could not afford to miss school. Still, 206 players, with 16 girls among them, arrived to stake claim to The Telegraph Trophy.

There is an upper limit of 16 years, but no lower limit. The youngest participant was Kapil Seth, aged four, and there were several five and six-year-olds, including Arijit Shaw (5), and National Under-8 champion, Ananya Sarkar (6), of Jamshedpur.

There were, in fact, several current national players in action, including world number three, Suryasekhar Ganguly (8) and international, Dipanjan Das (11), both of whom had come to prominence in earlier editions of this meet. National Under-16 champ, Shanker Roy could not play as he was already committed to play in the World Sub-Junior meet at Brazil.

The top seed. Aniek Paul had a lacklustre performance, losing two games to Roktim Bandopadhyay and Suvrajit Saha. Second seeded Suvrajit (Hare School) turned in an outstanding performance to clinch the championship.

Suvrajit scored ten straight wins before being held to a draw in the last round by Suryasekhar. He and Surya, were the only players to go through the meet undefeated. Surya also managed to share the fourth place despite forfeiting his first two rounds.

The real find of the tournament was Roktim Bandopadhyay (Patha Bhaban) who played really good chess throughout to take the second spot. Roktim could easily have been champion if he had converted a clear advantage in his



Suvrajit Saha (right) was the champion in the Telegraph Schools' Chess championship. Here he is playing child prodigy, Suryasekhar Ganguly

game against Suvrajit into a full point. A time-pressure error ruined his chances.

Others who caught the eye were seven-year-old Saptarshi Roy Choudhury, Swatee Das and Swati Mohota. All three have a great deal of promise and could go far with the right training and guidance. The Banik brothers, Somnath and Biswanath, and Jaydev Saha also impressed.

The major difference between a junior meet and a pro tournament is the extremely aggressive attitude most school children have. At this event, peace treaties were few and far between, with over 90% of the games ending in a decision.

In general, the play was of a very high standard underlining West Bengal's dominance of the national junior chess scene. However, both the outstation players, Ananya Sarkar and Prasanjit Dutta (Agartala) proved capable of holding their own.

The event lasted nine days and the prize distribution was followed by a cartoon feature film which was greatly appreciated by the youthful participants. All in all, the tournament was run very smoothly by the four arbiters, R.B. Sengupta, P. Chakraborty, A. Bose and R.C. Chatterjee, helped along by an able lot of volunteers.

**Devangehu Dutta** 

### **CAB** Elections

HISTORY was made when for the first time, a first-class cricketer contested the CAB elections. Sujan Mukherjee, who has played at least 20 Ranji matches for Bengal in the early 80s, contested for the joint secretaries posts in the association.

Most local cricketers had apparently supported Mr Mukherjee's standing in the polls. Also, quite a few current Ranji Trophy players had campaigned for Mr Mukherjee. But at the end of it, all went down the drain, as the cricketer was drubbed in the one-sided elections. Gautam Dasgupta and Prasanta Gayen retained their posts as the joint secretaries of the association, mustering nearly 82 and 77 per cent of the votes. Mr Mukherjee managed just 19 per cent and "promised to fight it out next year."

The victory of Gayen and Dasgupta was looked upon as the triumph of the Jagmohan Dalmiya lobby, that generally looms over the CAB. Mr Dalmiya has always had a say in CAB's affairs and whatever element of opposition he could have faced, if Mr Mukherjee had entered the CAB's administration, was erased at least for this year.

Mr Dalmiya retained his position as the CAB's executive president unopposed and so did the treasurer, Mr Sudhir Chakraborty. The new vice-presidents' are Anath Dutta, Rathin Bose and Naranarayan Chatterjee, a former secretary of the Association.

For the first time, the chairman's post in the association will remain vacant, after Mr Biswanath Dutt, the ex-Board of Control for India (BCCI) president, resigned, apparently for "problems" inside the CAB; there was no valid nomination for filling up the post this time.

Soumitre Bose

### Prize Money Badminton

MEDIOCRE standard, a one sided domination and some listless play were on display at the finals of the All India Invitational (prize money) Badminton tournament which concluded here at the ABITA and Kanaklata Indoor stadiums.

This prestigious tournament organised by the Guwahati Badminton Club and the first of its kind in the entire N.E. Region, offered a total prize money of Rs one lakh. All the top badminton players, with the exception of Rajiv Bagga, took part in it. But their female counterparts seemed to be less interested as Madhumita Bisht and Seema Bhandari preferred to keep themselves away.

The first final was the men's singles between second-seeded Praveen Kumar and fourth-seeded, Deepankar Bhattacharya.

The first game between Praveen and Deepankar was a neck to neck affair. Although Deepankar could not resort fully to his aggressive style of play, still his good court coverage and powerpacked

### CALCUTTA

### Merchants' Cup Swimming



Carritt Moran were the winners of the Merchants' Cup swimming competition. Seen in picture: (From left): Anii Shukia, Nandite O'Brien, Ravi Kidwai and William George

### Nancy Keith was the winner of the women's singles



smashes were enough to upset the rhythm of Praveen. His cool approach and better fitness were also to his advantage. However, Praveen fought bravely but his repertoire of strokes for which he is known, was more or less non-existent, except for the occasional good drop shot. The game was locked at 13-all. Till then Praveen was fighting equally. But signs of exhaustion was visible and thereafter Deepankar never looked back and took the next five points in a row and won the first game at 18-13. In the second game, Deepankar took an early and easy lead of 7-1 when a visibly exhausted Praveen conceded the game and the match making Deepankar richer by Rs 10,000/-.

After the match, Praveen assigned excessive heat and suffocation as the reason for his retirement from the match. A muscle cramp and a stiff fight with

Bhushan in the semis also told heavily on Prayeen.

In the women's final, Nancy Keith, the reigning top seed among, the juniors, faced Firoza Bailiwala and before anybody could concentrate on the game, Nancy won the match 11-5. 11-1. She pocketed Rs. 6,000 while Firoza got Rs. 4,000.

The match presented a very poor and sorrow edition of badminton and sometimes it was hard to believe that Firoza could not even reach the shuttle falling just two or three feet away from her.

The next maich was the men's doubles final between the pairs of Uday Pawar-Vinod Kumar and Leroy D'Sa- Bhushan Akut. The short and stocky Uday played from the front court and allowed Vinod to smash happily from the back court. Ultimately a more combined and calculated play of Uday and Vinod got the better of Leroy and Bhushan at 15-8, 15-7. The winner pocketed Rs. 9,000.

The last match i.e. the mixed doubles final between the local pair of Mallika Barua and Sushanta Bora and the pair of Srikani Bakshi and Anjali Parwar provided some thrilling moments.

The local pair won the maich 15-6, 15-4 and won Rs. 5,500. However, the present form of Sushanta, one time top seed of India, gave an indication that he is yet to recover from his fitness problems resulting from a painful ankle.

The final matches were played on Hova courts with Yonex shuttles.

Mr Indra Gogoi, Sports Minister of Assam and Smi. Hemaprabha Salkia. wife of Assam Chief Minister Mr Hiteswar Salkia, gave away the prizes.

Sankar Majumdar

### CALCUTTA

### State Throwball

HOOGHLY district and Kidderpore Milan Sangha won the men's and women's titles, respectively, in the State Throwball super league championship. In the



Hooghly District were the winners of the State Throwbali championships

men's final, Hooghly defeated Ashok Sangha 16-14, 3-14 and 14-7, while Kidderpore got the beiter of North Calcutta District 14-4 and 14-11. All the matches were played at the Kidderpore Kabitirtha Park.

Among the better players of the championship were M. Das and Arabinda Saha of Hooghly. In the women's section. Ruma Dey of Kidderpore Milan Sangha. B. Dey and Arundhuti Dey of North Calcutta came out with splendid performances.

Soumitra Bose

### Inter-College Table Tennis

ERAMBA CHANDRA and Bantra P.L. Siksha Niketan finished best in the men's and women's sections of the inter-College Table Tennis championships organised by the Calcutta University Institute at its premises.

Heramba Chandra, riding on some splendid play from their senior Bengal player Arjun Datta, swept aside Narasimha Dutta College, with the seoreline reading three matches to nil. Heramba had earlier crushed Siliguri by an identical margin in the semi-finals.

In the women's final, Bantra put it across Chandanagore College 3-1. The members of the winning side included Madhuri Bhadra, Chandrani Ganguly and Shobana Bhadra.

However, there was some consolation for Chandanagore when their star player Chaitalt Das defeated Madhuri of Bantra College for the individual honours. The former Bengal player, Chaitalt, prevailed over Madhuri 21-14, 21-16 and 21-12.

The men's singles final was an all-Heramba affair. But it was not a one-sided affair as many thought it would be. Arjun was stretched to four games and he defeated his teammate Ranjan Chakraborty 21-17, 14-21, 21-18 and 21-12.

There was a third crown for Arjun when he teamed up with Ranjan to defeat Aniruddha Moitra and Kunai Bose in the doubles final. The doubles also went the full distance and the Arjun-Ranjan duo won 21-14, 19-21 and 21-14.

Earlier in the men's team final, Arjun gave Heramba Chandra a flying start with a 21-15. 21-6 win over D. Dey Das of Narasimha Dutta College. Ranjan doubled the lead with a 21-9, 21-16 win over S. Bhattacharya and the rout was complete when Ranjan and T. Menon teamed up to beat D. Das

and D. Gorai 21-14, 21-18 in the doubles.

### League Roundup

RAILWAY FOOTBALL CLUB (RFC) will be back in the ten-team Super Division of the Calcutta Football League from the coming football season. RFC, who were surprisingly relegated to the first division Group A from the premier division last season, ensured that this ignominy lasted just one season. RFC clinched the group A championship with a one-goal win over Aryan the other day.

The comeback of RFC in the elite division from next season only means an extra bogey side for East Bengal, Mohun Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting. RFC have consistently been a buffer side during their tenure at the Super Division two seasons back.

RFC's Priyagopal Goswami, the controversial striker who created a storm by donning Bengal colours in the Santosh Trophy last year, was particularly in good form this season.

Meanwhile, Albert Sporting have made it to the first division from the second division. The issue was settled when Albert seored a 2-1 win over Subhasdwip in a second division clash. Albert, aside, Kalighat Milan Sangha will be the other team to enter the first division Group B from the second division.

Jadavpur and Anushilani will move down to the third division from the second division.



### Électra Gold Cup TT

MBIKA RADHIKA of the Railways and Chetan Baboor of the Indian Airlines claimed the women's and men's title in the 10th electra Gold Cup Table Tennis tournament held here recently.



### Chetan Baboor was the men's singles winner of the Electra Gold Cup TT

In the women's final. Radhika played Archana Rao, last year's winner. She began poorly, losing the first two games, at 17-21, 21-23, but then she rallied to win the next three, 21-17, 21-11, 21-19, to lift the title.

in the men's final. Chetan Baboor proved too strong for Bona Thomas John 21-14, 21-19, 21-9 and the match finished in less than half an hour.

Earlier, in the men's semi-finals, Baboor beat S. Sriram while Bona Thomas beat former national champion, Manmeet Singh; in the women's semi-finals, Radhika beat Sejal Shah while Archana defeated Montu Ghosh.

V. Srivastava

### BOMBAY

### Cricket Tour

AILASH GATTANI'S fifth successive tour of England—after compiling together a team of talented young cricketers—was largely a successful one. It was also a tough tour mainly in terms of opposition and the standard of cricket in

general.

The campaign by itself threw up some interesting prospects for the future of Indian cricket. There were a lot of inspired performancs by youngsters who till then did not have any international exposure as such. And when they faced their British counterparts, they were not overawed by the occasion. There were a number of consistent displays and topping the overall scores was Bengal's Sourav Ganguly who aggregated 552 runs from 13 innings, with an average of 55.20.

Souray's most noteworthy contribution was a masterly innings of 106 when the Indian Juniors played the Gang of Four at Sutton. Another bright prospect from Bengal was Gautam Dutta. A medium pacer, Gautam was among wickets in all the matches. His best figures were a haul of 6 for 16 versus a Under-23 Scottish side in Glasgow.

The performances of two other youngsters, namely, R. Pande (Pune) and N. Shetty (Bombay) were more than encouraging.

The Indian side played a total of 27 matches. They won 16, lost five, drew three and as many were washed out. The tour was ably supported by a host of sponsors and well wishers.

**A Correspondent** 

### SPORTSWEEK

### This week in the history of sport

N AUG 21, 1978 India emerged champions in the International Karate Competition held in Madras by defeating Singapore 2-1.

LOYD PATTERSON knocked out Olympic heavyweight boxing champion Pete Rademacher in round six at Sick's Stadium, Washington, before 16,691 spectators who had paid \$234,030, on **Aug. 22, 1957.** 

NAUG 23, 1939, auto-racer John Cobb established a new world record of 368.85 mph at Bonneville, Salt Flats, USA, in his car Railton, with a 2500 bhp engine. DAM KRUSENSTERN, the first Russian to circumnavigate the earth, died on Aug 24, 1846.

EDMUND HILLARY
Started his famous
'Ocean to-sky'
expedition to the
Himalayas up the
river Ganges in jet-boats,
on Aug 25, 1977.

CYCLIST Robert
Walthour set a new
world record by
pedalling 1 mile in 1 min.
37.4 sec. at Madison
Square Garden, New
York, on Aug 26, 1901.

N AUG 27, 1960 Indian hockey team defeated Denmark in Pool-A of the Olympic Games, Rome.

A.R. Sharif

### **MILESTONES**



TO PLAY: India four hockey Test matches in Australia in October. This is in preparation for the Olympic qualifying tournament in Auckland. PROBABLE: That India might host the Olympic Council of Asia's (OCA) General Assembly to elect the new OCA President. This offer was made by the General Secretary of India, C.L. Mehta on his visit to Hiroshima.

**SUSPENDED:** Sanjay Sharma for two years by the Badminton Association of India. This is the third supension in his career.

**WON:** By Kevin Schwantz of the U.S.A, the British Grand Prix. He defeated reigning champion Wayne Raincy. This was Schwantz's third—successive British Grand Prix win.

**REJECTED:** By the Indian Government the proposal to let a women's hockey team go to Auckland for the Olympic qualifying tournament.

**WON:** By Chris Dittmar of Australia, the Australian Open squash championship. He defeated Jahangir Khan of Pakistan in the final.

WITHDRAWN: By England their bid to host the 1998 World Cup soccer championships. France now has the best chance to host the Cup. India is still in the running.

**WON:** By Guy Forget the 1.3 million dollar ATP Tennis championships. He defeated Pete Sampras 2-6, 7-6, (7-4), 6-4 in the final.

Kevin Schwantz of the U.S leads, reigning world champion Wayne Rainey, in the 500 cc of the British Grand Prix at Donington. Schwantz went on to win the race for the third successive time

### THE POWER OF THE EMPTY HAND



Stay calm when grabbed by the collar



Hold his right wrist with your right hand

TARTING this week we are going into some self defence techniques that may prove useful even for the layman.

If anyone grabs your collar with his right hand, don't panic and hold his right wrist with your right hand. Then, put your left hand across his right forearm at a slight angle, pushing down at the elbow while pushing up with the right hand. This will force your attacker to twist away, releasing your collar and eventually collapsing in pain.

Remember, these techniques are to be used only for self defence, performing it according to the severity of the situation.

By Shivaji Ganguly Kyokushinkaikan Karate

PHOTOGRAPHS RAMAN BHALLA



Push down with the elbow while pushing up with the right hand



Force your attacker to the ground



Place your left forearm across his forearm at a slight angle

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### QUIZ

### **QUESTIONS**

- Which cricketer of yesteryears is the author of Everything Under the Sun?
- 2. Which county won the inaugural John Players League championship?
- 3. Who in 1961 captained Australia only once while playing in 71st Test at Lord's?

### **ANSWERS**

- 1. J.B. Stollmeyer
- 2. Lancashire.
- 3. Neil Harvey.

### **CHESS**

This week's game has an interesting history. At the Dubai Olympiad the Soviets were desperate to peg the English back. When the second seeded English met the 14th seeded Spaniards the Soviets helped out with opening ideas. The ploy worked and the English lost 31/2 1/2 setting up an exciting last round where the Soviets just edged in front to win the gold medal.

White: Miles Vs Black: Fernandez Dubai '86.

### 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Qb3 dc4 6 Qxc4 0-0 7e4 a6.

The rare Hungarian Variation of the Grunfeld Defence. Kasparov had prepared this for his world championship matches with Karpov. Here it brought the Soviets a useful point by proxy. 8 Qb3 c5 9 dc5 Nbd7 10 Qb4. More circumspect is 10 c6 bc6 returning the pawn immediately.

10—Qc7 11 Be3 Ng4!! A very deep move that bears the hallmark of the world champion. Not only does black have to work out that 12 Nd5 Nxe3 13 Nxc7 Nc2 14 Kd2 Nxb4 15 Nxa8 Rd8! is extremely playable. he has to brace himself to surrender the B-g7 which is unusual.

12 Bg5 s5 13 Qc4 Bxc3i 14 Qxc3 Nxc5 15 Bc4? About the only move is 15Be2 looking for a mess after 15-Nxf2 16Bh6! but black can also reply 15 Be2 Qb6 keeping an edge.

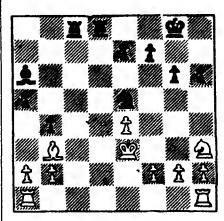
15—b5! 16 Bd5 b4 17 Qc2 Ba6! If white takes the exchange then after 18 Bxa8 Rxa8 19 0-0-0 Bd3! 20 Rxd3

Nxd3 22Kxc2 Nd xf2 Kb1 Qxc2 black is winning. 18 Bc4 Ne6 19 Bd3 Qxc2 20 Bxc2 Nxg5 21 Nxg5 Rac8 22 Bb3 Ne5 23 Kd2 h6 24 Nh3 Rfd8 25Ke3 (See Diagram). Desplie the exchange of queens black has a strong attack and he could force mate or decisive gain here.

25—Rd3! Not wrong but 25—a4! diverts the Bishop and after 26Bxa4 Rd3 27 Kf4 g5 28 Kxe5 Rc5 is checkmate.

26 Kf4 g5 27 Kxe5 Rc5 28 Bd5 Kg7! Setting up the threat of 29-f6 and Bc8. 29 Rhd1 f6 30 Ke6 Rc7! 31 Bb7 Rxd1 32 Rxd1 Bb7 33 Rd4 33—Bc8 34 Kd5 e5! (0-1). Wherever the rook goes black has a fork eg-35 Rc4 Be6 or 35 Rd3 Rd7 36 Kc4 Ba6.

Devangshu Datta

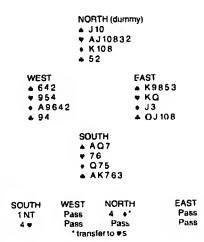


### BRIDGE

The Annual EPSON Worldwide Bridge Contest is one of the biggest, in terms of number of participants, of all single sporting events. This year about 90,000 players in 95 countries participated in the event held in June. A Polish pair, Wieslaw Maczkowski and Miroslaw Kopowski, won with a score of 79,58%.

The highest Indian score of 66.25% was achieved by two internationals in Calcutta, my ex-partners Govinda Singha and Kamal Mukherjee. Second were Mithun Shah and B.S. Lekhatia of Ahmedabad and third Yvette Singapurin and Prakash Dalvi of Bombay. In Calcutta Tapan Ghosh, my first tournament bridge partner, and Amit Bikram Dasgupta, a well-known hockey star of the Calcutta maidan during

the sixties finished second while Prashanto Ghose and Deepak Majumdar were third. Today's hand is from last year's contest where this hand fetched the lifth-best spot in the Best Play awards:-



This was the anction at a club in a small city of Poland, the same as it was at many tables around the world. South won the opening club lead and immediately took a losing linesse in hearts. Back came a second club. South winning and taking a second losing finesse in trumps. At this point it looks as though declarer still has no problem for he can win the return, draw trumps, cash the spades with the aid of a finesse to dttch a losing diamond from dummy and simply drive out the dtamond ace to set up a diamond winner, Indeed, at several tables all over world, the play followed a similar pattern and South duly emerged with ten tricks. At the table we are focussing on, however, East, Zajkiewicz (don't ask me how to pronounce found a brilliant return....the king of spades! Declarer won in hand. crossed over to dummy, drew trumps but no longer had a direct entry to hand to cash the third spade.

So, he tried a diamond to the queen which lost to the ace. Back came another diamond and South was faced with a choice. Knowing that West had more diamonds than East, declarer went with the odds, finessing the ten to go down.

Santanu Ghose



I'm not hiding my problem with drugs, but it's not fair for someone who trips and fails in the street to lay the blame on drugs or on what happened to Maradona. There is something deeper here than to have simply taken cocaine, there is something else that's not called Maradona. This country lacks a drug culture and I'm having to pay for that and that's not fair. DIEGO MARADONA, after his fail from grace, is a changed man

THIS is all new to me. In probasketball, if my jump shot Isn't falling, I go to the lay-up. You can't do that in golf. It's different. Mentally you have to collect yourself in a hurry or you'll get blown out of water.

MICHAEL JORDAN after playing

MICHAEL JORDAN after playing his first competitive round of golf against Phil Mickelson, the reigning U.S. Amateur champion. Jordan incidentally plans to make a career in golf after he gives up basketball.

THE fact that I lost to another

Garting in a tournament!

always do wall at was not easy to
cope with. That lose lifted my apirits
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player than this and I want to
prove it.

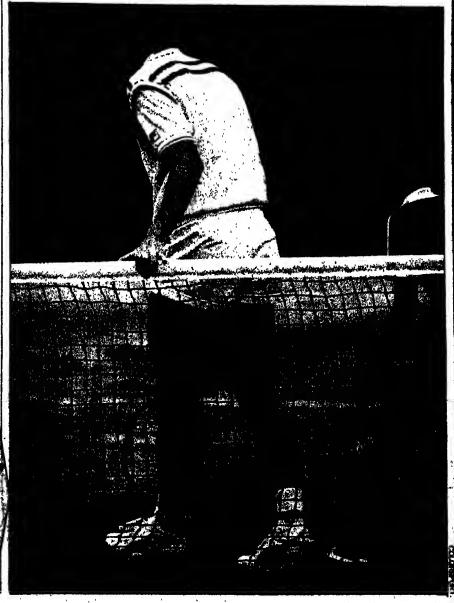
BOAL SECRET takes a
price section.



Teel so many players are ill advised. I am referring to players like David Platt and Paul Gascolgne. That saddens me, it is like me signing for a Mickey Mouse record company just because they pay me so many grand.

Singer ELTON JOHN after rejoining the English second division club Watford, on English players joining foreign leagues for lucrative offers.

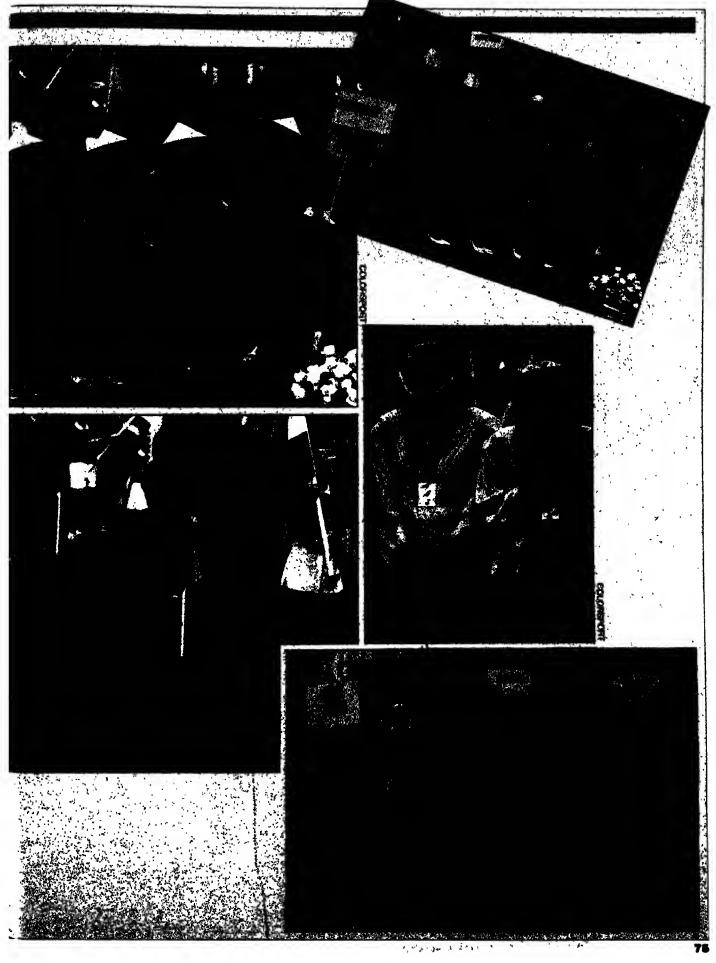
THERE is only one Ali. It breaks my heart to see him like this and I pray to God that they invent a cure for Parkinson's. I want to see this kid the way he was, again. It breaks his heart too. But, his mind is still there; It just takes a little longer to bring It out. ANGELO DUNDEE, Muhammad Ali's trainer and a legendary figure in boxing pays tribute to 'the greatest'.



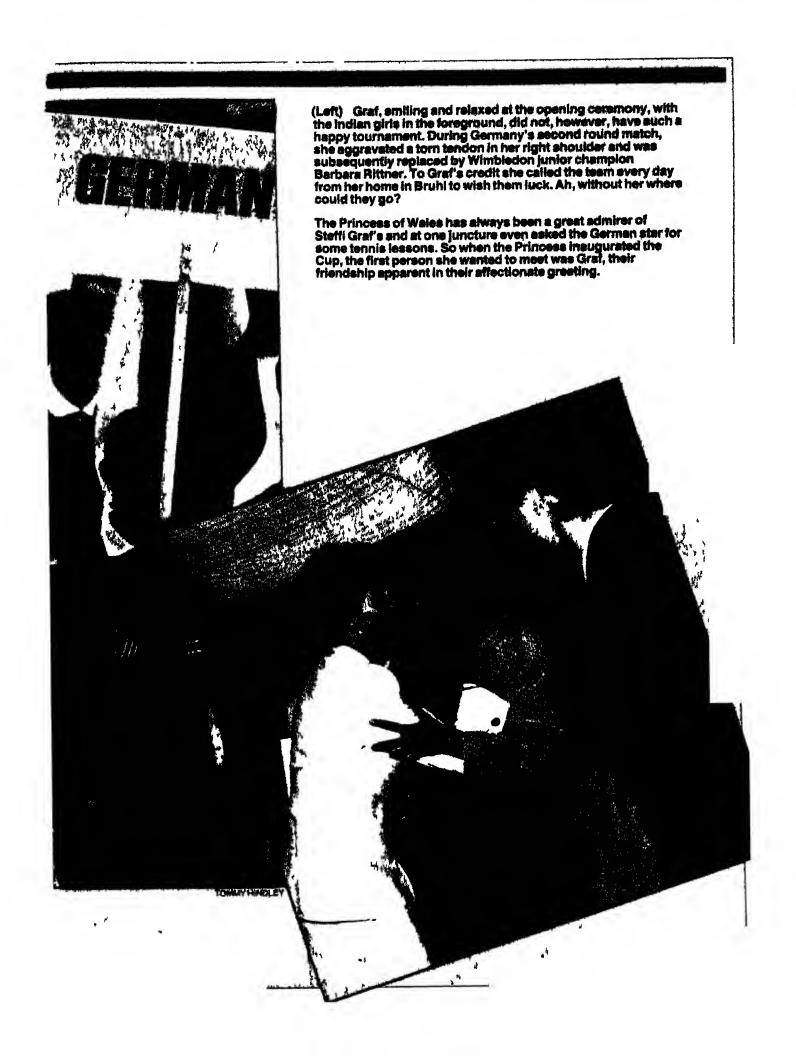




INDONESIA nious to the opening rumony. Fifty-six liens entered this el's Cup and to say it. Waste feast of colour Waste feast of colour Waste probably be an understatement. Some of the more sensutional attired teams were (clockwise from top right) USA, Indonesia.
Germany, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, India and Thailand. Unfortunately, some of the festivities were marred by loutish behaviour at the pre-tournament team dinner, the French and stallen teams being at the centre of an upheaval where table decorations and bread rolls were thrown around. The situation was ugly enough for the Canadian team to make an early exit after their captain was hit on the head by a bottle







## **FU MINGXIA**

## FLIGHT OF THE

The pupil surpasses the master...
Old Chinese saying

N JANUARY
4, 1991, China won its
first ever gold
medal at the World
Swimmtng
Championships in
Perth, Australia.
Surprisingly, the
honours were brought
home by a tiny
13-year-old watt who
captured the women's
platform diving title:
little waif by the name of
Fu Mingxta.

Before leaving Betjing to cover the World Champtonships, 1 reinforced my opinton that Fu, who is seven years younger than her 20-year-old teammate. Ku Yanmei, would put up a brilltant show at this high profile international tournament. There were reasons for this very blased stand, namely, the degree of difficulty in Fu's dives, which were higher than those of her fellow competitors. Coupled with her difficult routine was Fu's four years of diving experience—initiated at a very young age-and a small and light frame-Fu stands at 1.48 metres and weighs only 41 kgs-which was well sutted for executing a variety of high dives with



somersaults and twists. Her child-like countenance masked nerves of steel and a hardcore competitor's attitude, but in the end when she stood on the winner's podtum waving the bouquet of flowers, smiling innocently, she instantly won the hearts of the warm Ausstes who had gathered there to applaud her. Frail and fragtle as a little bird, Fu Mingxia came to be known as the 'Little Swallow' by her teammates.

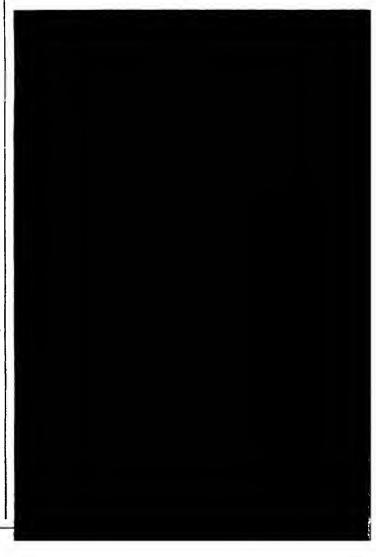
U MINGXIA was born in a worker's family in Wuhan, Hubet Province. Her inttiation into diving started when she was just eight years old, courtesy, the induction into a sports school which is part of China's stringent sports programme. Competing credibly and having won a number of titles in national tournaments. Fu made the national diving team in 1989. She made her international debut last year by winning the 1990 US Open before bagging her first world title in the

Goodwill Games in Seattle. So much when so young? Put it down to her natural talent and her painstaking effort and unflagging will power.

In April 1990, just prior to the Canadtan International Diving Tournament, Fu suddenly developed high fever. Her coach Yu Feng, greatly concerned, asked her: "Mingxia, can you still compete having just recovered from fever?"

"Yes," she whispered in a firm votce.

Not only dtd she compete, but she put up



## **SWALLOW**

an inspired show in capturing the second place in the women's platform diving event.

However, nurturing the talent in someone so young can have its share of problems. Fu Mingxia, like any other competitor of her ilk, was exposed to the rough and tumble world of sport, where the strength in one's mind can often be the sole motivating factor: often

Her child-like countenance masked nerves of steel and a hardcore competitor's attitude, but in the end when she stood on the winner's podium she instantly won the hearts of the warm Aussies

even surpassing talent. The sport of diving requires this in ample measure. In the preliminaries, Fu executed her dives well and finished in second place. In the finals, however, she performed her second dive so poorly—a 103B with a 1.6 degree of difficulty—that she received 30.24 points. This effort plummetted her from second to eighth place in the overall rankings.

failure: two things which every athlete experiences. Fu was obviously no exception to this rule. But as long as one possesses the courage to overcome difficulties, victory can be attained.

When Fu made her third dive-a 5132D-she received 49.14 points, the highest of the set. and this effort catapulted her back into second place, just two points behind the leader...teammate Xu Yamnei. It was then, as though suddenly, that the Little Swallow realised that she could fly higher than the others. Her next effort fetched her a title-winning 65.70 points.

Fu Mingxia was seen standing on the winner's podium, smiling bewitchingly and clutching possessively the gold medal that hung around her neck.

The 'Little Swallow' had realised that she could soar to new heights.

Xiao Ma Courtesy China Sports



## BUILDING BICE WITH CONTROL

'MON, admit it, how often do you flex those biceps? Anyone male or female who does any form of physical training is bound to sheepishly agree to that accusation. Hey, it's nothing to get worried about. Ever since humans started working on their bodies, the biceps have been the primary region of attention.

Agreed that's a very MCP hangover, but then, back in those days it was considered very unladylike to grab hold of a barbell! It's only now that you ladies have started inhabiting gyms and getting bodies that are shapely . . . and fit. And while you still might not flex your biceps every time a handsome hunk walks by-believe us. it happens the other way around !--it's still your biceps that you proffer for inspection every time you brag about your fitness regimen. Right?

That's exactly the reason why we've

chosen Cory Everson to lead our fitness enthusiasts through a upper-arm session. Guys, this is no average female iron-pumper: she's probably the greatest female bodybuilder ever. She's won Ms. Olympia six times! And ladies, don't get put off by Cory's biceps; you don't have to develop them that much. But one thing's for sure. when Cory Everson talks about anything on bodybuilding, you'd do well to listen.

Admittedly gifted by genetics all these hotshot champs are-Corystill has done more than her fair share of training to get the body she displays so proudly now. And while she does heavy duty work as any major competition approaches, she is also human encuen to lay off and live the good life during the off-season. Of course, by 'the good life', we're talking about putting on five or sixpounds and losing some of the

razor-sharp cuts. Not bulking up with fat and looking totally out of it.

Here are the exercises she does for her biceps: Standing Barbell Curls: a very basic upper-arm builder, she prefers doing five sets, adding more weight on each set till you can do just eight reps on the. final set. Also, Cory stresses the need to maintain strict form. if you want the best out of it. That means. no swinging your body. to gather momentime It's just the arms that move on this: exercise.

• Alternate Dumbeal Curls: Again going for five sets, with the weight increaseing on each set.

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